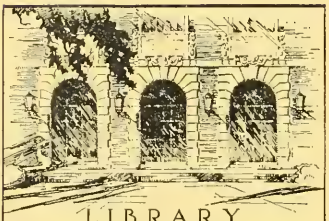

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At this time we must ask some questions about our founding fathers. Were they industrious people? Were they courageous people? Were they religious people? As we read the history of our first 100 years I am sure we will agree that all of these questions must be answered in the affirmative. Those who have gone before have left to our keeping many things which are so typical to the American way of life and of which we are justly proud. Among the most important of these are our churches, schools and the ability of our citizens to work together. It is essential that we preserve these things for the generations to come.

Now as we forge ahead into our second century there are new challenges to be met in the increasingly complex age in which we live. We must face these challenges as individuals and as a community. It must be remembered that by our citizens working together these challenges will be met. There is no greater satisfaction than seeing a job well done.

Looking back over the successful years of the past century we are happily looking forward to even greater success in the future.

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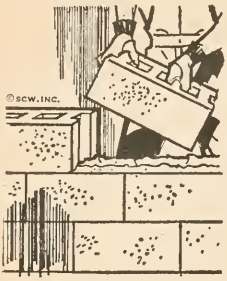

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SUNDAY, JUNE 11 "Faith of Our Fathers' Day"

Homecoming Church Services followed by Basket Dinners. Visit the Church of Your Choice: Methodist; Catholic; Lutheran; Evangelical United Brethren, — Chatsworth; Evangelical United Brethren—Charlotte; First Baptist; Calvary Baptist.

8 p.m. Faith of our Fathers' Day Religious Service; Mass Choir; Church Histories; Under the Stars at KIBLER FIELD.

MONDAY, JUNE 12 Visiting Dignitaries Day

10:45 a.m. Official Opening — Church Bells; Sirens; Aerial Bombs.

11 a.m. Ribbon Cutting Town Hall

11:15 a.m. Flag Raising—Post Office

12:30 p.m. Visiting Dignitaries Luncheon—Methodist Education Building; Music by Gerry Keck

1 p.m. Opening of Midway Drago Amusements

2 p.m. Queen Crowning Ceremony—Reviewing Stand at the Town Hall

2:30 p.m. Parade of Visiting Dignitaries—from Reviewing Stand on 4th to Ash; East on Ash to 5th; South on 5th to Maple; West on Maple to 4th; South on 4th to Methodist Church

7 p.m. Irene F. Hughes—Psychic, Mystic at Kibler Field — "A Glimpse into the Past and Future."

TUESDAY, JUNE 13 Centennial Ladies Day

9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tour of Homes (Information at Headquarters)

1 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. CIPS Cooking School (Chatsworth High School Cafeteria) — Peggy Fields, Home Service Representative, Paxton; Hattie Bury, Home Service Representative, Watseka; Norman Spear, Commercial Cooking Representative, Mattoon

3 p.m. Style Show and Tea, Chatsworth High School Gymnasium, Esther Monahan at the Organ

4 p.m. Centennial Belles Promenade Downtown

8:30 p.m. Pre-Spectacle—Kitchen Band and High School Stage Band

9 p.m.—SPECTACLE—Opening Performance "Sands of Time"

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14 Youth Day

1:30 p.m. Kiddie Parade Assemble at Sears, follow "old" Route 24, Disperse at Dennewitz Station

2:30 p.m. Treasure Hunt; Other Street Sports

8 p.m. to 11 p.m. Teen Dance—"The Same" (All Girl Group)—Chatsworth H. S. Gym; Advance Sale $1 ea.; at the Door $1.25 each

8:30 p.m Pre-Spectacle—Roy Melvin of Fairbury, at the Organ (formerly of Chatsworth)

9 p.m. Spectacle—2nd Performance "Sands of Time"

AIRPLANE RIDES—1 p.m. until dark — Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday; "See Chatsworth Area Centennial by Air"; Place: Livingston Airport; Pilot, Ronald Shafer; Price $3 per person, per ride

THURSDAY, JUNE 15 Agriculture Day

5:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Old-Fashioned Country Breakfast, consisting of Eggs, Sausage, Fried Potatoes, Biscuits, Coffee. Tickets- Advance Sale at Agri-Businesses, $1.25 and 75c; At the Door, $1.50 and $1.00

All Day: Open House of Agri-Businesses; Registration will be held at the Businesses for prizes to be given away by each business. Prize winners will be announced before the Pageant Thursday evening

2:30 p.m. Downtown Street Games—Greased Pig Chase; Pillow Fights, etc.

5:30 p.m. Farm Machinery Progress Parade—Antique and New Farm Machinery. Parade Route, "Old 24," Assemble at Sears; Disperse at Dennewitz Station

8:30 p.m. Pre-Spectacle—Circle 8 Square Dance Group

9 p.m. Spectacle—3rd Performance, "Sands of Time"

FRIDAY, JUNE 16 Old Fashioned Bargain Day

Street Sale—Bargains at all Downtown Merchants. Watch Newspapers for ads.

Hospitality Center Recognition Day "Visit Chatsworth's Family Room" located in Grand Building—Registering of Pioneer Citizens for Awards Presentation. A proper time to complete your Souvenir purchases. Register for Time Capsule Scroll; Buy Stock Certificates, Badges and Buttons, Gold Coins, Historical Books, Centennial Plates, Old-Fashioned Rock Candy, Review Historical Window Displays, "Then and Now."

8:30 p.m. Pre-Spectacle, "Fanfares", Ladies Barbershop Group of Fairbury

9 p.m. Spectacle—4th Performance, "Sands of Time"

SATURDAY, JUNE 17 "Salute to the Future"

11:30 a.m. Awards to former residents and pioneers — Reviewing Stand

12:30 p.m. Cake Cutting Ceremony—Town Park Pavilion—Illinois' Largest Birthday Cake

4 p.m. Main Parade—Theme, "Sands of Time". Parade Route—Assemble at Grade and High School Grounds North on 4th from Oak to Ash Street; East on Ash to 6th; South on 6th to High School Dismissal Area

8:30 p.m. Pre-Spectacle—"The Kingsmen" from Flanagan

9 p.m. Spectacle—Final Performance "Sands of Time"

10:30 p.m. American Legion Drawing—Reviewing Stand

10:45 p.m. Filling of Time Capsule—Reviewing Stand

All Tickets and information available at Headquarters, Box 608, Chatsworth, Illinois 60921 or Phone 635-3564 —Area Code 815

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IN THE DAYS OF THE KICKAPOOS

No history of Chatsworth would be complete without going back in time, beyond the coming of the white man, to the days of the Indians, back to 1829 when the Kickapoo Indians came into Livingston County and pitched their tents in what was later called Oliver's Grove. It was called Kickapoo Grove then. The Indians numbered 630 men, women and children. Their attitude was friendly and there is no record of any white man having been killed within the limits of the county.

The Indians raised some corn, beans, potatoes and tobacco, but the area under cultivation was small, as the crop was grown only in patches here and there. The Ruppels recalled their father, J. Adam Ruppel, showing them wild tomato plants which were thought to be descendants of plants raised in earlier days by the Indians.

The Kickapoo and Pottawatomie tribes claimed this land by right of conquest. In the year 1774 they had waged a great battle, the "duel of the tribes." It was agreed the Miamis should select three hundred warriors and the Kickapoos and Pottawatomies a like number and that these six hundred men should meet in combat and decide the quarrel.

The opposing forces met on the banks of Sugar Creek and fought from rising of the sun to its setting. At the close of the day only twelve men remained who were not killed or mortally wounded, of these, five were Miamis and seven Kickapoos and Pottawatomies.

In this battle the Kickapoos and Pottawatomies were declared the victors and the Miamis retired to the east side of the Wabash river. The victorious tribes then divided the land between them and the Indian trail passing near Oliver's Grove marked the dividing line. In 1835, the government moved them west of the Mississippi.

FIRST RELIGIOUS SERVICES

The first religious services in the area were held among the Kickapoo Indians. In the year 1832, a pioneer Methodist preacher, William Walker, who resided at Ottawa, visited them and established a Mission. Pastor Walker was at the time an old man and the journey, a long one to make, but under his ministrations several of the tribe were converted to Christianity. One young man was ordained by Walker and he held regular services every Sunday when Pastor Walker could not attend. They soon came to have great respect for the Sabbath and returned home from great distances where they might be hunting during the week. They came back to camp on Saturday night in order to attend church on Sunday morning.

Each Sabbath they had a public dinner of which the whole community partook. In the center of the ground in which their religious meetings were held, a fire was kindled and over this, camp kettles were hung in a line. The men were grouped on one side and the women on the other. At one end gathered the children and at the other end stood the preacher. Two men stood near the children to see that perfect order was maintained While the preacher preached, dinner cooked. When the services were over, the kettles were removed from the fire and dinner was served into wooden bowls and trenchers with ladles and spoons of the same material.

THE FIRST WHITE SETTLER

The first white settler, Franklin Oliver, came out with his family from New Jersey in 1832. He was a surveyor, on his way to some western state, but when he reached the timber land south of Chatsworth, he decided to locate there.

Mr. Oliver arrived by barouche drawn by two horses. He chose to remain at Kickapoo Grove, where he made friends with the Indians. He was one of the few white men who ever made peace

Franklin Oliver
Chatsworth's first white settler

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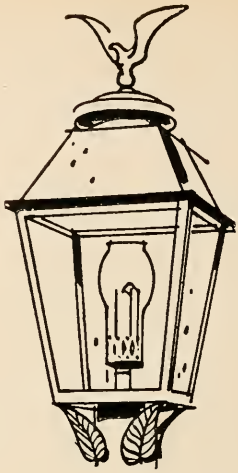

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with them. It was there he later built his cabin.

At the outbreak of the Blackhawk War, it was uncertain what these Indians might do. A deputation of whites met with the Indians to learn their intentions. Mr. Oliver presided at the council meeting. Following this, most of the whites decided to return to Indiana. Seven families with six or seven wagons pulled by ox teams left for the Hooster territory.

Franklin Oliver did not leave, but went among the Indians whenever he pleased and without fear of molestation.

Kickapoo Grove, later named Oliver's Grove, had a fine stand of giant white, red and burr oak, ash, sugar maple, hickory, walnut, elm, hackberry and wild cherry.

Oliver's Grove was originally composed of the townships now known as Chatsworth, Forrest and Germanville or Germantown. Charlotte township was a part of Pleasant Ridge. At a meeting of the Board of Supervisors in 1859, it was petitioned that the name of the town of Oliver's Grove be changed to Chatsworth.

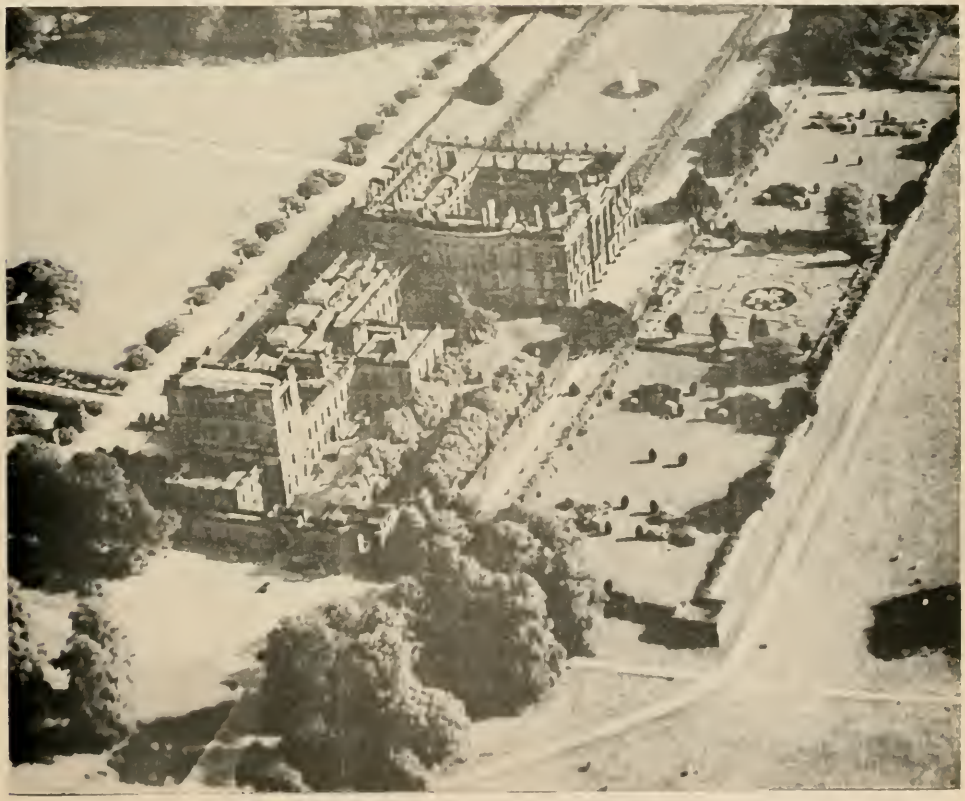
NAMING THE TOWN

There are several accounts about the naming of Chatsworth. One says W. H. Osborne, former president of the Illinois Central Railroad, named it for the county seat of the Duke of Devonshire in England, who was largely interested in that road.

The large estate of the Duke with its castle is known as the House of Chatsworth. Many of the citizens disliked the compound name "Oliver's Grove" and petitioned the Board of Supervisors for a name change. Another account said William H. Jones, who was a supervisor, gave it the name Chatsworth. The name is said to have been taken from an English story he had read in which "Lord Chatsworth" figured as the principal character. Still another account says the town was named after a good friend of his, Lord Chatsworth.

A notice was made May 1, 1866 of a meeting to be held in Esty's Hall to incorporate the town. William Jones was president and Samuel Fosdick, clerk. The vote of the meeting was 24 votes for incorporating, 9 against.

At an election held in Jones Hall on May 26



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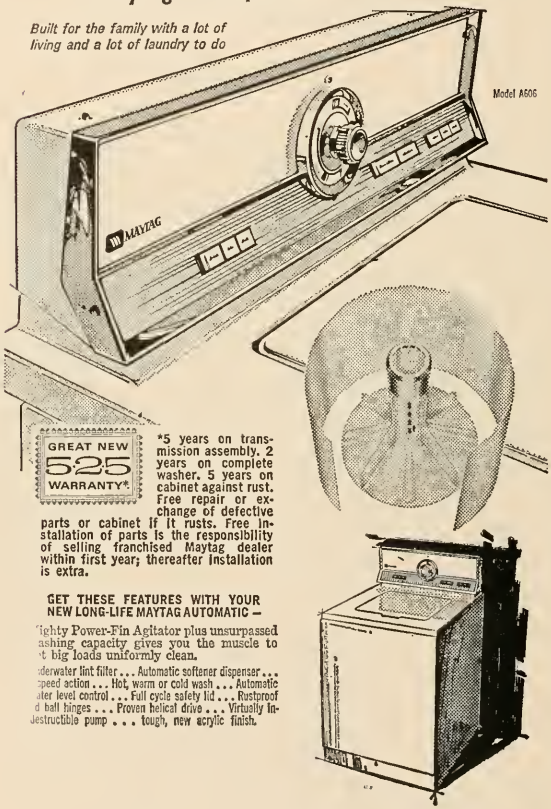

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the Board of Trustees was elected with 79 votes cast.

According to an early history of the county, Chatsworth was incorporated as a town, March 8, 1867 with a population of 1,038.

At a meeting of the Board of Supervisors in 1861, Forrest petitioned to become a separate township. In 1867 Germantown made a similar petition This left only Oliver's Grove, which had now become Chatsworth.

BUILDING THE RAILROADS

The Toledo, Peoria and Warsaw Railway was completed through the township and trains commenced running regularly in 1857. This brought immigrants to the neighborhood and was the means of the rapid settling of the town. By 1879 another railroad, the Kankakee and Southwestern later known as Illinois Central, was allowed a right of way, 50 feet wide, through Second Street for a branch line from Kankakee to Bloomington. There was a turntable here. The train would arrive about noon, lay over until evening and return to Kankakee.

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LAYING OUT THE VILLAGE

The village was surveyed and laid out by Nelson Buck, county surveyor, June 8, 1859 for land owners in New York who held the land. The original town occupied 160 acres of land. Since then several additions have been made to the original plot. Forty blocks were laid out. The land was entered in 1853 by Solomon Sturges and sold in 1857 to William Osborn.

Jacob Titus was elected first president of the Board and George Esty, village clerk.

The first store was put up in the village in 1859 by Charles D. Brooks and Trueman Brockway. It was a store and residence combined, a frame building, one and a half stories high with rooms over the store. The men afterward went into partnership. Brockway married and lived over the store.

The first hotel was built by C. W. Drake in 1859. It was later converted into a dwelling house. The postoffice was established in 1860, the first not only in the village, but in the township. Charles D Brooks was the first postmaster.

The first blacksmith in the township was Samuel Patton. He came from Ohio when there was but one house in the village. Mr. Patton was the inventor of a corn husker. It could husk corn as fast as the horses could walk It was to sell for $225.

The first child born in Chatsworth was Charles Frederick Megquier, born July 4, 1857, son of Job and Sarah Megquier. This was the second family settling in the village. Their first house was at the site of the present office of Dr. Loekner. In 1831 they built the home which was recently removed for the building of the new Post Office.

This was John P. Hansen's bakery beginning about 1874, and is the oldest store building in Chatsworth. It is now the home of Mrs. Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Maplethorpe.

THE FIRST SCHOOL

The first meeting was held at the home of John R. Snyder, the 12th of April, 1858, when the town was still called Oliver's Grove. A board of trustees was elected with Franklin Oliver, J. H. Megquier and Franklin Foot as members. On the 20th of the month the trustees held a meeting and elected William H. Jones, school treasurer. In the summer of that year the first school in the township was taught by Miss Jennie Adams.

The first school house was built in 1858 on two lots donated by Osborn for school purposes. This was the first school house in both Chatsworth Township and the Village. It was located just east of Mrs. Leona Conibear's home. Later this school was

The first school built in 1858, still standing one mile east on Route 24.

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moved one mile east on Route 24, where it served as a country school until consolidation. After that it stood idle, rounding out its 100 years in a forlorn state of delapidation.

It was noted male teachers then received $66.88 while female teachers averaged $37.50.

THE GERMANIA SUGAR FACTORY

In 1865, two years before Chatsworth became incorporated as a town, the Germania Sugar Company built their large factory in Chatsworth for the purpose of manufacturing sugar from the beet. At one time they employed 500 to 600 men and women in the factory and beet fields. This venture proved unsuccessful from a lack of water.

The factory was in operation here 5 years, when the machinery was taken out and removed to Freeport.

A coal shaft was sunk near the village just 100 years ago by Capt. Beard. The stock company was formed by citizens of Chatsworth. The shaft was sunk 218 feet deep. The works were finally abandoned upon the report from Beard that trere was no prospect of coal. It was thought by some a good vein of coal was found, but was concealed or never reported. A workman is said to have told friends they passed through a vein of coal about five feet thick in sinking the shaft.

THE FIRST GRAIN ELEVATOR

The first grain elevator was built by Charles D. Brooks in 1861, but it burned in 1866. He then built another which he later moved to Piper City. Samuel Crompton, Haberkorn and Mette, and Joseph Rumbold also built elevators.

William Williams erected a steam mill in 1884 on the corner where the Borgman house later stood. Another Chatsworth manufacturing plant was the Star Wind Mill which was adapted to feed mills run by wind.

The Chatsworth Plaindealer, a five column Quarto newspaper was established in 1873 by C. B. Holmes. In 1876 it was purchased by R. M. Spurgin. Another record says O. J. and L. W. Dimmick owned it and it was first called Palladium.

CHATSWORTH CHURCHES

The Methodist Church

The first religious society organized in the village was the Methodist Church in 1859 by Rev. M. Dewey with about 40 members. The charge included Forrest, Five Mile Grove, Pleasant Ridge, Oliver's Grove and Bethel.

The society held its meetings in the school house, two blocks north of the depot, until 1864 when they erected a good church building at the cost of $2,500. The church was built largely by volunteer labor. Brother I. J. Krack of Forrest cut and gave the oak posts for the foundation of the church and John Francis of Forrest loaned his ox team for hauling. Brother Hall was preparing for advancement to the elder's orders and took his books with him to study as he rode back and forth on the ox cart.

The church was dedicated by Rev. T. M. Eddy of Chicago on the 30th day of November 1864. The Sunday School of this society was organized in 1862.

At one time Chatsworth was in a circuit with Piper City, sharing the same pastor. It was at this period the Chatsworth wreck occurred. The Epworth League was organized for young people, but all ages attended. Three years later Chatsworth was united with Forrest, sharing the minister who lived in Forrest.

The church was remodeled and enlarged. Services were held in The Grand until the new church was ready for dedication October 15, 1905.

The educational unit was added in the summer of 1959 with a dedication, and pageant on Sunday, October 25, 1959, celebrating the centennial of the church, during the pastorate of Rev. John Dale.

At present the pastor is Rev. Leroy Bula.

The Presbyterian Church

The Presbyterian Church was built soon after the village was laid out and the society organized in the school house. Mrs. Brode, in her book "Life In Chatsworth" spoke of the Presbyterian Academy which was located east of the hotel. About 1904 this building was moved and used in building the hotel on the west edge of the lot. Apparently this church held services for approximately 40 years.

First Baptist Church

The Baptist Church with 13 charter members met at the home of Dr. Hunt in June 1865. Rev. E. G. Trask, a Civil War Chaplain, came as their first pastor in 1866. They held services in Jones Hall.

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On December 21, 1900 the church held dedicatory services for their church which had been rebuilt and modernized. The building had been extended to the west, a basement added and the arrangement of the interior had been changed. Rev. L. P. Russell presented the communion table to the church.

Their pastor Rev. Woodley and his wife left in 1916 to go to British East Africa as missionaries. They had also had an earlier pastor, Rev. W. M. Young, who had gone out as a missionary. Later Fred Harris and Lynwood Curtis entered the ministry. John Curtis, Lynwood's son is now studying for the ministry.

The Baptists suffered a loss to their parsonage in 1952, by fire which greatly damaged the interior. It was repaired and remodeled into a very modern building.

The First Baptist Church is unusual in the fact it has two murals painted by its members. Miss Carrie Hall painted a woodland scene back of the pulpit. A few years later, her niece, Miss Jo Hall, painted a mural of the Jordan River back of the baptistry. The Church observed its centennial June 1965, during the pastorate of Rev. Allen Marshall, who served the church for the longest period of time.

At the present time Rev. John H. Hansen is the interim pastor.

The Evangelical United Brethren Church

The Evangelical United Brethren Church began in 1866 with Rev. C. F. Stuevig, a circuit riding missionary pastor, Mr. A. Bastian and Mr. and Mrs. John Walter as charter members. They organized a prayer meeting class with John Walter as class leader.

Services were first held in the public school and then in the Methodist Church. In 1873, John Walter built a new home at the corner of Oak and Sixth with a large room on the second floor especially built for worship services and Sunday School. By 1879 the congregation had outgrown the upper room. During the pastorate of Rev. C. E. Frey, a frame church was erected. The building, thirty by thirty-six, with an entrance at the east end, stood at the corner of Oak and Third. The ladies and children sat on the north side and men and boys on the south side. The Church held about 125 people. Ministers spoke in German until 1896 when Rev. Julius Alber began to hold some services for the young people in English.

The present brick church was completed in 1906 with brick being donated from the George Walter brick and tile factory. The Church celebrated its centennial in October, 1966

The present pastor is Rev. LaRoy Huntley.

There was an Evangelical Church in Germanville on land given by Phillip and Henry Ruppel and there is still an active Evangelical United Brethren Church in Charlotte. Rev. Edward York is the present pastor.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

The Lutheran historical committee found it difficult to prepare a sketch because of incomplete records, but they knew that Pastor J. J. Kern baptized two children in November 1871 and baptized thirty children and confirmed a class of nine the following year.

Pastor C. Schuchard was sent out from Mendota to carry on missionary work in this vicinity with headquarters in Chatsworth. Two pastors shared a horse, which one would ride to a half way point and then the other would ride.

It was not until July 20, 1879 under Pastor Schuchard's guidance that the congregation was organized, adopted its first constitution and accepted the name St. Martini. In L. J. Haberkorn's History of Chatsworth he wrote "The Lutheran people purchased from Col. Kenyon a frame building that had been used by the sugar company for a cooper shop. They placed chairs in this building and used it as a church." This was in the items of 1878.

The congregation reorganized on November 28, 1880, revised their constitution and adopted the name St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

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On Sunday, April 21, 1912 at 5:30 p.m. a tornado hit Chatsworth devastating much of the southeast section of town, including the Lutheran Church. The Plaindealer of April 26, 1912 stated "The Little German Lutheran Church in the southeast part of town was totally demolished, being moved off the foundation, half of the roof blown away and the building literally broken in two."

In 1913 the new brick church was completed and dedicated in September. This building, with the interior remodeled, still serves as the sanctuary of the now enlarged building. In 1918 the congregation purchased a parsonage. This building served until 1965 when a new modern parsonage was built on the corner opposite the church.

In October 1927 Pastor A. E. Kalkwarf began to serve the three point parish of Charlotte-Chatsworth-Germanville. In 1940 the Germanville church closed and the congregation united with Chatsworth. The church property was sold to Germanville Township. On Easter Sunday 1948 the Charlotte Church held its last service and the congregation merged with St. Paul's congregation.

The church held a dedication July 1957 for an addition providing an enlarged nave and Sunday School class rooms.

The present pastor is Rev. W. C. Burmeister.

Theodore Kalkwarf, son of Rev. and Mrs. A. E. Kalkwarf, entered the ministry and is now assistant pastor of the first English Lutheran Church in Peoria.

SAINT PETER and PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Catholic Church known at St. Patrick's was a frame building, built in 1877 under the direction of Father John A. Fanning, a priest located at Fairbury. The church stood on the corner where Gene Cline's home is located today. The rectory built a few years later was to the east of the church where Mrs. Joseph Endres' home stands. For a time the priest drove back and forth from Fairbury with a horse and buggy to hold Mass in Chatsworth.

Father William Van der Hagen purchased five lots for building a school. In May 1883 the foundation of the convent was laid. On Saturday, September 8, the cornerstone was set for the sisters' convent. The school was completed in 1884. Six Sisters of Providence came at the request of Father Van der Hagen. About this time the Catholic people were very busy raising money for their school. It was noted in the minutes of the Town Board that every year, about a week before Christmas, Father Van der Hagen rented the Town Hall for the purpose of holding a Fair.

The three story brick building was designed as a school house and residence for the sisters. The large red brick structure was known as St. Patrick's Academy. School opened with 110 pupils.

The first floor was living quarters for the sisters with a kitchen, dining room, a chapel and two music rooms. The second floor held three classrooms. One teacher had grades one through four, a second taught grades 5 through 8 and a third sister conducted high school classes. The third floor was the dormitory. There was also a hall or practice room up there. In early days St. Patrick's was a boarding school and out of town girls were given rooms on the third floor. Two teachers taught music and the school had an orchestra.

Saint Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Chatsworth, Ill.

Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church

The present brick church building was dedicated June 8, 1890. Father J. J. Quinn obtained 8 lots on the south side of the block. A new rectory was completed in January 1891. During Father Quinn's pastorate the name was changed to Saints Peter and Paul. In 1899 the Sisters of the Holy Cross replaced the Sisters of Providence as teachers. In 1941 Sisters of St. Francis began teaching in Chatsworth.

Another brick structure was added back of the original school during the pastorate of Father E. C. Hearn. The building was dedicated October 12, 1916 as a high school. The high school continued until 1921 then was changed to an elementary school, while the original academy continued as the dwelling place of the sisters. On May 15, 1920 fire destroyed the interior of the rectory and the parishioners were called upon to build again.

In 1965 the church purchased the house and lots from C. L. Ortman. Other adjoining lots had been purchased previously. The former Ortman property became the residence of the priest, Father Jerome Morrissey. The former rectory became the

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home of the sisters and the old red brick structure, the original academy was torn down to make way for a new parish hall.

Among those who have gone into religious work are the following: Rev. Wm. Murtaugh, died Feb. 4, 1930; Rev. J. W. McGinn, Urbana, Ill.; Rev. J. J. Kerrins, El Paso, Ill.; Mother Una (Nell), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Malachy Garrity; Sr. M. Ruth (Clara) and Sr. M. Paola (Cecilia), daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harbeke; Sr. M. Clement (Genevieve) and Sr. M. Beatrice (Katherine), daughters of Mr. and Mrs. William Lawless; Sr. M. Petra (Eva), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Harrington; Sr. M. Sebastian and Sr. M. Quintna, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Aaron; Sr. M. Annice (Marguerite), daughter of Mr and Mrs. John Donovan; Sr. M. Anastasia (Marie), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Kurtenbach; Sr. M. Emilis (Mary), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Boyle; Sr. M. Muriel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Day; Sr. M. Norberta, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Trunk; Mother Clarissa (Antonette), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Fallon; and Sister Anselm (Dorothy), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Monahan.

Calvary Baptist Church Built in 1939

A group of about 50 people met with Rev. Elmer W. Crockett January 5, 1939, in the First Baptist Parsonage for an organization meeting. This was followed by another meeting when 72 names were signed to the charter to make a covenant, constitution and by-laws. The new church was to be known as the Calvary Baptist Church of Chatsworth. The members secured a parsonage to be used for services until a church was available. The house is now the home of Mrs. Ann Kibler.

The new church was started on east Maple Street in the spring of 1939, with 87 on the membership roll.

Plans for a new parsonage east of the church were drawn up and the building was under way during the summer of 1951 and 1952. The church has had thirteen ministers in its twenty-eight years, with many noted guest ministers and musicians.

The pastor now serving the church is Rev. Wayne Squires.

PARK PAVILION BUILT IN 1962

Chatsworth has a park which was mentioned in the history of 1878 as having over 500 young maple trees in the enclosure. Many of these trees have been removed by storm, death and natural erosion of the elements, until scarcely 50 trees are found in the park today. A band stand was added to the park, but as this needed repair, it was remodeled into rest rooms. A nice pavilion was built in 1962, and park tables and benches added, which made the park a very desirable place for picnics and family reunions. During the summer months it isn't unusual to have 2 or 3 family gatherings occupying different corners of the park and sharing the facilities.

Chatsworth Cemetery was laid out in 1864 and an addition made March 2, 1865. The first burial was an old German laborer who lived at the home of Patrick Monahan of Charlotte Township.

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POLITICAL HISTORY

At the time Chatsworth was being incorporated in 1867, the nation was in a state of turmoil. President Lincoln had been assassinated two years previous. Andrew Johnson, a very unpopular president, a man unequal to the great task of binding up the nation's wounds following the Civil War, was in the White House. He was so much disliked and caused so much dissatisfaction, Congress even tried to impeach him, failing by only one vote. In the presidential election a year later, Ulysses S. Grant, an Illinoisan, was elected.

Richard J. Oglesby was the governor of Illinois. Southern Illinois leaned toward slavery. The fact that it stayed with the Union during the war was due to the character and sincere efforts of Stephen A. Douglas.

FIRE PROTECTION

The first mention of fire fighting equipment was in 1868 when a special election was held to gain approval for the purchase of six Babcock hand fire extinguishers. A cheap fire house, 12 by 16 feet, was erected across the track north of the depot to house the fire extinguishers and a few fire hose.

The first fire mentioned was Charles Weiland's three story flour mill. It got afire one night in 1870. With nothing but six Babcock fire extinguishers and a bucket brigade, the task of putting out the fire was hopeless.

Shortly after, the trustees purchased fire hooks, ladders and a small fire engine which would require four men to pump it. It used a hose about the size of a garden hose.

In 1873 the town board purchased from the city of Bloomington their large fire engine. This engine was pumped by hand and fifty men could find places to pump it. At that time it was the largest hand pumped fire engine in the state. This engine, called "The Prairie Queen" sometimes called "Prairie Bird" was quite a famous engine. In 1871 Bloomington had sent this engine to Chicago to fight the great Chicago fire supposedly started by Mrs. O'Leary's cow kicking over the lantern. The town purchased the engine, hose cart and 500 feet of hose for $1,350. The fire company was known as the "Prairie Bird Fire Company."

The new fire engine called for a new fire house. The lower story of Truman Brockway's building was rented for storage of fire equipment. In the rear was a large room used for firemen's meetings and for town board meetings. The upper story was used as a public hall. W. W. Sears built a real estate office east of this building and the town board built a calaboose (jail) on the west side and a bell tower with a fire bell on same was placed near there.

The fire company held meetings, the first first Thursday of each month. Three taps of the fire bell every other minute for several minutes was the call for the fire meeting, a continual tapping was the fire alarm. Hats were procured for the firemen and three firemen's trumpets, at a cost of $123.

One wintry night the fire alarm did not arouse many citizens. L. J. Haberkorn gave several sharp blasts on his cornet to awaken everybody. This brought on the lights in the homes in a hurry and firemen came on the run to assist at the fire.

Pails of salt mixed with water were sometimes used to pour over the roof tops to save the buildings and prevent spread of the fire.

In 1878 a separate hook and ladder company was organized. A company of 20 young men were assigned to handle this, with L. J. Haberkorn as captain. In 1888 the town hall was moved from the

The firemen in 1887, who fought the fire at the Chatsworth wreck. Among those recognized are L. J. Haberkorn, George Walter, Ralph Borgman and Henry Game.

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middle of Fourth Street, one block north to the corner of Fourth and Maple. The fire engine was housed in the east side of the building. In 1893 this building burned with the extra hose, hook and ladder, truck and ladders. A new brick fire engine house and jail were built on the corner where the town hall and engine house had been.

Among the names of foremen of the volunteer firemen were William Linton, Frank Fowler who had been a city fireman in Peoria, W. G. Messler, Henry Gamt, and Ross Haberkorn, who was the fire chief for nearly 30 years.

Lee Maplethorpe, present fire chief, has held this position 28 years. Today Chatsworth has 22 firemen, 3 pieces of fire-fighting equipment and 1 emergency vehicle.

"The new fire house and the old fire bell"

ENTERTAINMENT

Much of the entertainment in early days centered around the church. There were oyster suppers, strawberry festivals, "sociables", Sunday School picnics and ice cream suppers.

The firemen held oyster suppers and dances to raise funds for their needs. The school also provided entertainment with spelling bees, singing school, ciphering matches, debates, and literary societies.

Winter was a time of snowball battles, snowmen, ice skating, and bobsledding, with horses wearing sleigh bells.

"This is True's Cornet Band organized in 1877"

The German Sing and Turnverein was a club that practiced singing and did gymnastics with dumb bells, horizontal bars, swings They would compete with other similar clubs at state meets.

Chatsworth was almost never without a band, starting back in 1868 with the Chatsworth Brass Band. Haberkorn's Cornet Band practiced twice a week and played on many occasions.

About 1870 they had a bowling alley in the west block. It was a common thing to see and hear them bowl all night or until sun up the next morning.

John Duffy operated a billiard parlor in the west business block. John True and L. J. Haberkorn decided to open a roller skating rink. They rented the town hall and skated for two evenings. By that time the pine floor was in such a state they couldn't skate. So the men laid a hard wood floor and held skating there for several years.

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It was the custom for everyone to go up town on Saturday night and buy a pound of Haberkorn's freshly roasted peanuts.

Both Democrats and Republicans had clubs and sponsored rallies with torch light parades, noted speakers and fire works.

The men enjoyed the sport of hunting rats with dogs. When they tore down a large cornerib in the railroad park, the dogs killed 105 rats.

The year of the Chatsworth wreck, 1887, Chatsworth had a lawn tennis club. Across the alley north of Culkin's Hardware Store they had two tennis courts and two croquet grounds where people had great fun playing.

Halls were prominent as a place for drama, home talent shows, minstrels, fairs and dances. There were Jones, Esty's, Town Hall, East End Hall or Harbeke's.

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L. J. Haberkorn with his peanut roasting machine

The Grand Opera House opened in 1902 and was a wonderful place for plays by theatrical companies, entertainments, graduation exercises, dances.

In 1908 young men organized a dancing club at Harbeke Hall and held dances. Chatsworth held annual corn carnivals in early 1900's, arranged by the business men. The town was nicely decorated. Large crowds came for the entertainment. It was 1912, the town saw its first picture show. Charles Rosensweet opened a show in the Grand. This was followed by William O'Malley's picture show, in the Kueffner building, then Martin Kueffner managed "The Cozy" theater. Later F. W. Kaiser started a show at "The Virginia Theater" which was the finest in this area of small towns.

The Haberkorns organized a parlor orchestra and furnished music for home entertainments.

September 1 and 2, 1922 were big days of the Chatsworth Homecoming. A canvas curtain 8 feet high was placed around the railroad park and a large tent erected. Spencer's Band from Peoria furnished the music. The committee sent out 1,050 invitations. 400 out of town folks came. They had a dance and other entertainment.

Perhaps Chatsworth's most famous son was J. Lester Haberkorn who sang for chautauquas and vaudeville. He had a fine baritone voice. He and his partner, Karl Denton, put on an act "Hab and Denton Stepping Out in Black and Tan." They returned to Chatsworth several times and directed the Lions Club Minstrel Show.

Through the years there were box socials, pie suppers, cake walks, square dances and home talent plays sponsored by various organizations. All helped the people to have fun and drew the community closer together.

By 1929, the Shafer family had an orchestra and furnished music for many entertainments. Mrs. Nellie Shafer, Elma, Faye and Ronnie played.

FOURTH OF JULY

Fourth of July was early recognized as a day of celebration. Farmers for miles around gathered early in town, bringing the family and well filled lunch baskets, prepared to spend the day and evening. The late William Flessner, who celebrated his 100th birthday last year, said he and his brothers fed the livestock by moonlight in order to get an early start to town. They brought a wagon and gathered neighbor boys along the way

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After dinner there was a parade of the Calithumpians, a mock band in outlandish costumes and variety of noise makers.

Then came the street sports with contests and races. A dance was in full swing at the dance hall, where they sometimes danced until morning. Evening brought out the fireworks with Roman candles, sky rockets and pinwheels, plus the constant din of firecrackers.

"Getting Ready for the Big Parade"

If they went to the grove, a stand was built for serving lemonade, pop and beer and a platform was built for dancing. The German Singverein entertained. Rope swings were put up in the trees for the children to enjoy.

TELEPHONES

The first telephone line was put up in 1883. It ran from Pontiac to a telephone placed in the Bangs Drug Store. A watch had been placed near the phone at Pontiac. People were asked to step into the Bangs Store and hear the watch tick. Many went in and listened, but could not believe they were hearing a watch tick 30 miles away.

It was 1896 before the town board gave the right to the Central Union Telephone Company to put up poles and telephone wires and in a very short time they had phones in some of the stores and homes.

In one home where they had placed a phone, a call came in while the lady was busy doing her kitchen work. She had on a very soiled apron, so she rushed into a front room, quickly put on a clean apron and then hurried back to the telephone where she said, "Hello, this is me."

The Livingston County Directory for 1898 carried the names of 32 subscribers to the Chatsworth Telephone Exchange.

LIGHTS

In 1870 there were no street lamps and very few sidewalks. Nearly everybody carried a lantern. Historians remarked how funny it looked to see a young man with his "sweetie" on one arm and carrying a lantern in the other hand.

By 1883 people were petitioning the town board for lights, asking them to place lamp posts with kerosene lamps on some of the main corners of town. In 1886 it was noted S. Moore was appointed night police. At this time there were 30 or more lamp posts on the corners and other places about town to light our streets.

These lamp posts had kerosene lamps on them and one of Policeman Moore's jobs was to keep the lamps filled with oil and the chimneys cleaned. As night approached he would take his little step ladder, kerosene can and rags and walk around to these lamp posts, fill and light the lamps and then at midnight he would again take his step ladder and put out the lights. This job caused Mr. Moore to walk about 13 miles a day.

In 1894, C. C. McDonald and Clyde Hayes got permission to build an electric light plant. They built their plant 200 feet east of where the Shell Oil Station is located, built their own equipment and installed it in their plant, put up a few poles and wires and soon the town had electric lights on Main Street and several other streets. These were a big improvement over the old kerosene lamps. But they only furnished service until midnight, then the citizens had to take their lanterns again. In 1898, the C.I.P.S. built a new brick plant on Sixth Street one block south of Main, where they installed machinery taken from the old plant and also added some new and proceeded to furnish light and power.

A petition was presented to the town board in 1903 asking them to have the electric light company give all night service, instead of only to midnight. The company granted the request so people could hang their lanterns on a hook.

WATER

In 1863 three large water tanks were built. By 1870, the trustees decided it was a mistake to have the three large water tanks on Main Street on stilts, so they had them lowered and placed under-

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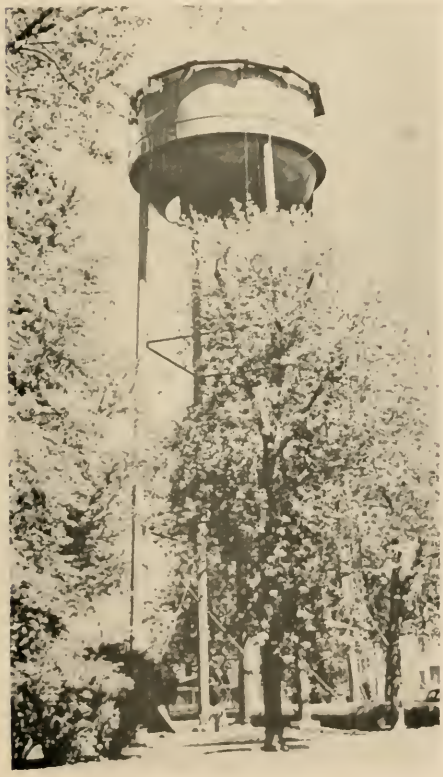
ground. In 1874, the town board decided to put down more tanks. These were placed in the ground near a church or other large buildings. These had spouts on them to catch rain water and run it through pipes into the cisterns. Building these cost $64 each.

The first water tanks were placed across Main Street opposite the center of each business block. They were mounted on a wooden frame or pedestal about 12 to 15 feet high, the center one somewhat higher. A well had been put down near the center tank. A windmill was placed on a tower over this well which pumped the water into the tank and supplied the other tanks through pipes laid in the ground. Hose could be attached to these pipes and this was the fire protection for buildings on Main Street. Later twelve large cisterns were located in different parts of town to supply water for the fire engine.

In 1893 a deep well was drilled in the center of the city park. A large 1600 barrel water tank was built on frame work about 100 feet high and used a gas engine to pump water in the tank. Some water mains were laid on Main Street and several blocks each way from this street. Eleven hydrants were placed on these mains. The cisterns were no longer necessary so they were filled in.



"The 200,000 gallon water tank, built in 1962, rises 130 feet above the ground"

In 1906, a special board meeting was held to have a deep well sunk on the lot adjoining the fire engine house on the south. A contract was let for drilling the well and building a new brick building for the machinery pumps and large steel pressure tanks. By 1908, the water works building was finished. A good flow of water was struck at 1,325 feet. Two large steel tanks were placed in the building along with a good pump and gas engine. More water mains were laid and 38 fire hydrants installed.

Eventually trouble developed with more water users and lack of pressure. Two new wells were dug on the Herr place, one half mile north of town in 1960. A 200,000 gallon water storage tank, 130 feet high, was erected in the Park in 1962. This should take care of the water supply for some time to come.

In early days, Chatsworth was known as the town with out water. Wells were dug without success, therefore cisterns and rain barrels had to be used. One enterprising man, Pat Fitzsimmons, dug a well and found water. He lived where Louis Haberkorn is now living. Since he had water and others had none, he sold water, developing a route of customers to whom he delivered water each morning for 40c a barrel.

THE CHATSWORTH WRECK

August 10, 1887, will long hold a place in history as the night of the third worst railroad wreck in the history of the country. A little past midnight a heavily loaded excursion train to Niagara Falls on the T. P. & W., carrying some 800 passengers in about 20 coaches, crashed through a small burning bridge three miles east of Chatsworth.

"One of the Chatsworth Wreck Scenes, August 10, 1887"

L. J. Haberkorn describes the scene in his "History of Chatsworth." He and a crew of 15 men were among the first arrivals at the wreck. The train's brakeman had run down the track from the scene of the disaster to sound the alarm. Someone rang the firebell, the same one that hangs today in front of the fire station, to arouse the citizens. Volunteers, bearing lanterns, hurried to the site. Farmers with shovels and some with their bare hands threw dirt on the blazing coaches to put out

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fire. Rescue efforts were too late for 81 who died, but the 372 injured were removed and taken to homes in Chatsworth and Piper City. Bodies were stacked in the depot baggage room like cords of wood. The old school house and the Felker building, across from the Methodist Church, were also used as storage places for the dead. The town hall served as a hospital for the injured. Chatsworth citizens donated bolts of muslin cloth to be torn into strips and made into bandages.

Cary Clive Burford wrote a booklet "The Chatsworth Wreck" with information he obtained from Mr. Haberkorn and stories he gleaned from newspaper files. A song was written about the tragedy, a mournful ballad "The Bridge Was Burned at Chatsworth." No one from Chatsworth was killed or seriously injured, although several from here were on the train.

OTHER CALAMITIES

Chatsworth has had its share of calamities. Charles Weiland had a three story flour mill built where the Livingston west elevator stands. One night in 1871 it got afire and burned to the ground. There was nothing but six Babcock hand fire extinguishers and a bucket brigade to fight the fire. It was after this they bought their first fire engine.

In 1879 a fire broke out in the rear of Bangs Drug Store, third door from east corner of center business block. They used a hook with a rope pulled by 100 men to pull the burning shop away. L. J. Haberkorn's company of young firemen took barrels of salt from DeLong's Store, mixed it with water and poured it over roof tops to protect them from the heat.

In 1890 there was another bad fire. It was discovered in the rear of the Brown Bank building by the night watchman. There were really two fires, one burning east and the other west. The entire block of buildings went up in smoke with the exception of the Walter building on the east corner of center block and the Smith building where the Virginia Theater is. Both of these buildings were built of brick. Loss was estimated at $100,000.

The following year the Ringler Brothers saloon in the west business block burned and in 1893 the Town Hall burned. The fire company managed to save the fire engine and hose cart, but the building with extra hose, hook and ladder, truck and ladders were destroyed.

1901 was a year of fires. The Baltimore Clothing house suffered a fire loss. Later in the

"Another one of the wreck scenes"

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Chatsworth has certainly had its share of bank failures. The Stillwell Bank failed as did the Brown Bank and in 1930 the Commercial Bank closed its doors.

Other bad fires included the fire March 1946 at Baldwin's Store that destroyed Masonic Lodge rooms and damaged the Virginia Theater. A fire in Leathers Produce building in 1949 completely destroyed that structure. The Big Dipper was gutted by fire in 1952. In September, 1965 a night-time fire left only a pile of smoldering ashes of what had been the very modern Hangar Motel owned by F. L. Livingston, located at the south edge of Chatsworth. $125,000 was the estimated loss.

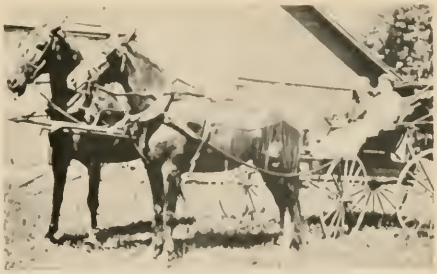
Automobile accidents and car-train collisions have taken the lives of numerous Chatsworth citizens Several pedestrians have been killed within the village by trains.

"Last Steam Engine to go through Chatsworth (1958) on Illinois Central." Chas. Dennewitz took picture

TRANSPORTATION

Chatsworth has gone through the phases of transportation found in most small towns. There was the day when the citizens did everything possible to get railroads to come through, raising money and granting use of land as right-of-way.

The horse era was characterized by the livery stables, the hitching racks along Main Street and around the grade school. Sheds with 4 or 5 stalls were built at the high school for students who drove or rode horses. There are still a few barns in town and an occasional hitching post or concrete steps built for carriages, reminders of by-gone days.



"Roy and Bertha Bennett with their team and buggy"

Bob sleds, cutters, sleigh bells, once so common, are just a curiosity now. Cars and buses have replaced passenger trains. Trucks haul much of the produce formerly handled by trains. For speedier trips, those in a hurry turn to the airplane. The governor came in by plane and took a helicopter to a nearby town where he had a speaking engagement.

"Elmer Pearson and son, Noble, Mrs. Pearson and little friend in their new car."

WILD ANIMALS

When settling up of the town began, about 1855, deer and prairie wolves were almost the undisputed possessors of the soil. There was much wild game such as timber and prairie wolves, foxes, timber squirrels, gophers, weasles, muskrats, minks, droves of different kinds of deer and a family of beaver was located in a creek in Oliver's Grove.

There were many wild geese, brant, crane, many kinds of wild ducks, prairie chickens, quail, and thousands of wild pigeons. In the timber and on the prairie were plenty of rattle snakes and other kinds of snakes.

W. A. Linton who lived in the southwest part of town in the 1860's heard his hunting dog barking while chasing a deer. He grabbed his gun, ran into the yard and shot the deer practically on his own doorstep. On one occasion Mr. Linton and his son-in-law went prairie chicken hunting. When they came home they had sixty of these game birds.

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would come from the south and make their home in the Vermilion swamps and rushes. They would fly over town four times a day going to the Sullivant farm for feeding. Early in the morning corn fields were full of hunters watching for these flights.

L. J. Haberkorn and Frank Sears came in from the swamp one day each bringing 44 ducks. There was a pond across from the northwest corner of the park. L. J.'s father shot ducks right there in town.

Charlotte early settlers reported deer being plentiful. They would often come to the watering trough to drink. The Monahans told of a herd of deer on the prairie near the house so large they were unable to count them.

In the winter wolves were driven, by hunger, near the settlements of farmers in search of food. The year of the great snow, 1830-31, deer by the hundreds starved and birds such as grouse and quail perished in great numbers. Woodsmen chopping down trees found the deer in their hunger lost all fear of man. While the men were chopping at one end of the tree the deer would stand and eat branches and twigs at the other end. It was several years before game birds became abundant again.

With settlement and hunting, most of these animals have disappeared. Pheasants were introduced about 40 years ago. F. L. Livingston has a large acreage devoted to a game preserve. The birds have multiplied. Today Livingston County is the capital of the state for pheasant hunters. Animals that have survived in spite of man are groundhogs, opossums, raccoons, skunks, muskrats along the ditches and creeks, and foxes.

Nuisance birds, appearing in great flocks, are starlings, black birds, and English sparrows. There is also a heavy population of crows. The rabbit population fluctuates, but of recent years has been greatly reduced.

THE WAR YEARS

The past 100 years have found the U. S. at war in the Spanish American War, World War I, World War II, the Korean Conflict and the War in Vietnam. Chatsworth boys have done their part in all of these conflicts.

L. J. Haberkorn mentioned that R. F. Brown was appointed to visit towns on the I. C. Railroad north of Chatsworth to recruit as many as possible for the Illinois first volunteer cavalry. Mr. Haberkorn organized a small band to accompany him. They traveled by freight and passenger train, enlisting many volunteers.

The Chatsworth Enterprise, dated April 29, 1898, carried a list of volunteers for Brown's Cavalry Troop. Men named were R. Finley Brown, Frank Bangs, Clarence Bangs, Ross T. Haberkorn, Mike Berry, Frank Speicher, Joseph Donahue, Frank Moore, James Chittum, Con Brosnahan, George Megquier, Daniel McArthur, George Watson, Edson Roberts, Charles Speer, Ed Kohler, George Cannon, Clifford Merrill, D. M. Breneisa, L. D. Gifford and P. M. Ravensfilde. There was also a blank in the paper for anyone to sign who wished to give his services in the war with Spain. Frank Bangs died while in camp.

In April 1917 the U. S. went to war with Germany. In the first draft call 28 were called from Chatsworth, 2 from Germanville and 19 from Charlotte.

A local chapter of the Red Cross was organized with Mrs. O. J. Sloan as chairman. The ladies became very active in making surgical dressings.

Community spirit was high. The ladies decided to give a reception and banquet to honor all who were registered and would soon be going into service. The committee in charge solicited every home in the community for food. The dinner was held in the Grand building. There were 700 in attendance. All the money received was used for benefit of the boys. They had several excellent speakers for the evening's entertainment.

1918 brought our first experience with daylight saving time. This was the day of the Victory Loan. Chatsworth oversubscribed its quota of $82,500 by 26%.

November 11, 1918 at 5 a.m., the armistice was signed, bringing an end to hostilities.

1919, the war was over and the boys were coming home. Many of them had been serving in France.

Boys who gave their lives in this war were: John Boehle, Jr.; J. S. Doolittle; Russell Spaecher; James L. Ryan, and Walter Clemons, for whom the local American Legion Post is named.

Civil War veterans who lived until the 1930's were: R. H. Bell, John Speer, A. K. Pratt and S. S. Hitch.

December 7, 1941 the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor and the U. S. was launched into another world war, World War II. Staff Sgt. Charles Heinhorst was in Pearl Harbor at the time of the attack. He received the Purple Heart for meritorius acts during the Japanese bombing. Many Chatsworth boys were soon wearing navy blue or army brown. Willis Pearson and Edmond Propes received the Purple Heart for meritorious action.

Women's Clubs and church groups began baking cookies for U.S.O. Ladies met to make service kits for the soldiers. The school flew a special flag, indicating sale of war stamps and bonds. Gasoline and tire rationing made grade school basketball competition difficult. Grade school principal, Russell Kirkham, organized a Boy Scout troop to replace sports.

William Kibler, high school principal, conducted the issue of ration books. 1900 ration books were issued to residents of Chatsworth, Charlotte, and Germanville Townships. Registration was held at the public grade school. 30 teachers from the area helped with the rationing.

Women began working in war plants and at men's jobs as the men were called into service. Ladies worked at the Red Cross surgical dressing room, making bandages. 24,000 dressings were completed by June 1943. Citizens began organizing groups and driving station wagon loads of donors

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First Lt. Eldon Frobish received an air medal and two Oak Leaf Clusters for missions accomplished. He was a pilot of a B-24.

Miss Lucille Gingerich was working as an American Red Cross hospital staff aid in 1944, serving hot lunches for wounded soldiers being transported by air from the battlefields back to the U. S.

Among the army nurses were Mae Shafer, Billie Wittler, Mary Schroeder, Rosemarie Weller, and Ruth Ford.

Ellis Huttenberg received the Bronze Star for remaining at his post directing traffic, giving information and aiding the wounded under constant danger from Japanese mortar fire on Guam, Mariana Islands.

Soldiers killed in World War II were: Paul Zorn, Jerome Hummel Eldon Frobish, Glenn Rosenboom, Paul Branz, Joe Bouhl, Merville Helle, Kenneth Bayston, Lovell Curtis, Howard Lang, Henry Baldauf, Benny Stevens, Merle Henricks and James Bryant.

Erney Runyon who spent 11 months in Vietnam with the Special Forces of the 1st and 2nd Infantry Division, received the Good Conduct Medal, Purple Heart and A Certificate of Merit for being a member of the Ramrods.

SPORTS

Chatsworth has long been a sports' minded town. In the early days it was baseball. The town had a fine nine known as the Chatsworth Reds. One season they played 16 games and won them all. Some of the members of that club were Ned Scovil and James Fitzmaurice, pitchers; Barney Sears and Will Bullard, catchers; Frank Sears, 1st baseman and captain; Ike Bea, second base; George Cramer, 3rd base; Dave Shroyer, shortstop; James Dorsey, right field; Tom Worel, center field and James Curran, left field.

A baseball tournament was held in Chatsworth that lasted three days. Prizes were given for the best teams with a $100 first prize, $50 second prize and $25 third prize. The tournament was held in the ball park in How's pasture, now Herr's. A temporary grandstand was built for the occasion. Eight different clubs took part. The Chatsworth Reds won first prize, Chenoa, second and Fairbury, third. There was a large crowd here for the three day tournament.

Through the years there were many good baseball nines. Then interest transferred to basket ball. Before the high school gym was built teams played in the East End Hall, a building that burned in 1949.

By 1929 considerable interest had developed in independent teams. Chatsworth had two teams, the Chiefs and Papooses (reserve team). Team members were: John (Chick) Bergan, Dick Bennett, Jack Lahey, Bud Kerber, Mack Trinkle, Lloyd Drilling, Jack Ruppel, Bill Pearson and John C. Monahan. John Ryan was manager.

The high school won the District in 1930 with players, Weber McCulloch, Anton Weller, Dale Bergan, Wayne Adamson, Virgil Culkin, Noble Pearson and Wallace Hammond. Wm. Kibler was coach and H. W. McCulloch the superintendent.

It wasn't until 1964 Chatsworth again captured the title in the District tournament and won the first game in the regional. Players were: Pat Somers, Wayne Dohman, Dave Blasingim, Dick Walters, Mark Shafer, Tom Gerth, Terry Miller, Warren Gillette, Jim Koehler, Bill Irwin, Harry Johnson, and Dean Kyburz. The coach was Hank Jefford and Marlin Meyer, superintendent. This team also won the Holiday Tournament.

In the years 1937-38 and '39 Chatsworth took the V. V. Tournament and the Holiday Tournament in 1938. Players then were Wendell Gard, Gerald Hummel, Glenn Rosenboom, James Meister, Kenneth Hummel, Robert Milstead, Harold Finefield, Joe Wittler, Bloice Bess, Kenneth Rosenboom, Dan Kyburz, Frank Garrity, Paul Sterrenberg, Dick Milstead, Frank Kaiser, Art Sterrenberg, R. Walkrich and Stan Hill. Teams in those years were coached by Everett Collins. The 1961 basket ball team also took V. V. championship with Al Mulberry as coach.

In the fall of 1928 Chatsworth introduced football. They took their first V. V. trophy in 1936 when they played through the season undefeated under Coach Collins. Players were: B. Crews, W. Gard, J. Lawless, L. Sneyd, F. Kaiser, G. Hummel, N. Marxmiller, B. Norbits, H. Knoll, F. Garrity, B. Bess, Captain J. Wittler, K. Hummel, K. Rosenboom, L. Garrity, A. Edwards, H. Finefield, P. Sterrenberg, A Sterrenberg, D. Kyburz and B. Lawless.

The football team again won the V. V. in 1945 with William Kibler coaching. Team members were: M. Bruner, J. Johnson, D. Blair, G. Taylor, R. Zorn, F. Haberkorn, J. Sanders, J. Hummel, S. Herr, G. Haberkorn, R. Hubly, E. Romans, J. Mauritzen, J. Trunk, J. Lang, H. Aberle and B Zorn

The 1946 football team completed a 15 game winning streak Additional players to the '45 squad were: E. Aberle, T. Ford, T. Strange, F. Livingston, Paul Klehm, Virgil Leathers, Dick Fortna, Tom Askew, Frank Kuntz coached this team. In 1953 George Evans coached his football team to a V. V. championship and undefeated season.

1937 might be hailed as the most successful sports' year, as Chatsworth won the V. V. trophy in all three sports, football, basketball and track.

In 1958 the 22 members of the track team won the Cullom Relays and the V. V. track meet under Coach Charles Edgington assisted by Coach Gerald Ferguson. Again in 1962 under Coach Bishop the team captured the V. V. track title.

There have been many other good teams with outstanding players who perhaps won second place or a consolation trophy, to add to the trophy case.

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In 1925 the Chatsworth Golf Club organization was formed. P. J. Lawless offered the use of his ground, south of his home bordering the hard road, for this purpose. The plot contained 22 acres. Mr. Kibler, high school athletic coach, agreed to lay out a nine hole course. The membership fee was set at $5.00. Golf addicts played summer and winter, some even played in the snow.

The first track meet ever held in Chatsworth was May 3, 1924 with six schools. Forrest was the winner.

Chatsworth held its first basketball tournament here in 1927. The home team won by defeating Piper City and Roberts.

Wayne Adamson established a new county record in the discus of 119 feet. Harold Pearson won the mile in the year 1927. Joe Smith, a high school athelete, went on to do some professional work in baseball.

Chatsworth played its first night football game at Gilman in 1930. Lights were added to the local playing field in 1959. The "C" Club purchased a new football score board for the field in 1966.

Scoreboard donated by "C" Club in 1966 for the Kibler Athletic Field

Donald Snow, one of Chatsworth's outstanding athletes, held the state's leading scoring title in football with 175 points in 1953. Jack Cline was the state's smallest player. He stood 4 feet 7 inches and weighed 75 pounds at the time.

In recent years bowling has become a popular pastime for both men and women. Chatsworth has a number of bowling teams althougn the town has no bowling alley. Champion teams have attended national tournaments.

Bloice Bess, another of Chatsworth's star athletes, made coaching his profession. He is presently employed at Bloomington High School.

OUR NEIGHBORS

Germanville as we know it today was originally, along with Chatsworth and Forrest Townships, a part of Oliver's Grove Township. Citizens disliked the compound name so they petitioned the County Board to change the name to Chatsworth. In 1867 the citizens again petitioned the County Board to make Germantown an independent township. It was later learned that Illinois already had another township by the name Germantown. On March 18, 1880 the name was changed to Germanville.

The first settler of Germanville was Thomas Y. Brown and family. In 1855 they located in section 3. The next year the families of Nicholas Froebe and Philip Goembel settled, followed by the John Leggates, Sam Fosdicks, T. C. Currans, also the Ernest Ruppels, Phillip Ruppels, Henry Ruppels and the Phillip Gerbrachts.

Others who came about the same time were Bernard, Peter and John Schroen and their mother and the John Hornickels.

By 1870 the names of Phillips, Daughtery, Graves, Woodruff, Lutson, Sherward, Culberton, Minerly, Ide, Roedel, Netherton, Frechill, Wisthuff, Dassow, Etter, Finclebaugh and Kopp had been added.

J. Adam Ruppel said the early settlers did not find a garden spot in Germanville yet they had never had a crop failure in all the 100 year's history. The roads were trails across the prairie, and all the low spots were water holes Wild game was plentiful with prairie chickens, quail, geese, crane, ducks, deer, mink, mushrat and some wolves

There was some timber on the west part of Germanville which was called Corn Grove. This name was derived from the fact that when the Indians left they buried their corn in the ground, which was found later by the whites.

In 1873 covered wagons crossed Germanville returning from Kansas to the Eastern states with signs on their wagons, "In God we trusted, in Kansas we busted." There were no roads. Farmers traveled across the prairie to Fairbury for their coal.

The first school was held in the home of Henry Ruppel. The first teacher was J. A. Smith. On July 6, 1865 it was voted to build a school house which was known as the Ruppel school. The first school house was replaced in 1873 with a new building.

On the 15th of August 1865 the members of the Evangelical Association met for the purpose of organizing into a society for the purpose of worship at the home of Henry Ruppel.

Before the church was built, services were held in the school house. In 1891 the association built a church on the farms of Phillip and Henry Ruppel. The church was attended by a large congregation for a number of years. After roads were improved people began attending churches in nearby towns which led to the closing of the Germanville church. The Lutherans built a church which was later sold for a town hall when the congregation united with Chatsworth.

Germanville at one time had a post office. Sebastian Glabe was postmaster. Later rural delivery was established and the post office discontinued.

T. Y. Brown eventually moved to town, living in the north part of Chatsworth. He and Mrs. Brown were on the ill fated Niagara excursion train that was wrecked, but fortunately they were not injured.

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CHARLOTTE

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The family gathered dried resin weeds for fuel as neither wood or coal was available. Mr. Monahan went to Morris with an ox team to the mill, a trip which occupied several days and sometimes a week.

In breaking the prairie, the "red roots" were carefully preserved as fuel. This was a kind of shrub similar to hazel or willow.

John Monahan came with his brother. When the Monahans came to the settlement, one of their oxen gave out one mile west of the place chosen for their home. They came on and left it lying by the side of the trail. The next morning Patrick sent John back to see if the ox had recovered sufficiently to make the remainder of the journey. He found only the bones, as wolves had devoured the animal during the night.

Owen Murtaugh and John Martin came soon after the Monahans. In 1850 L. W. Dart arrived. Dart built a sod house which burned causing him to lose everything. The family suffered hunger, living for time on nothing but potatoes. Sometimes the family ground corn in a coffee mill for bread. He was the first blacksmith in Charlotte.

Loomis, another one of Charlotte's early citizens, lived by trapping and making axe handles. His family too suffered when they had nothing but frozen potatoes for food.

Lawrence Farrall and Owen Finnegan built homes in the early 60's. Mr. Monahan recalled days of scarcity when they lived nearly a week on beans and potatoes. They had no meal. He heard of some at a place beyond the river, and after crossing on the ice, breaking through and nearly drowning as well as freezing, he arrived, only to find the meal all gone.

Brooks who kept a store at Chatsworth received a barrel of flour and had to divide it into seven parts for his nearly starving patrons.

The first child born in Charlotte Township was Julia Monahan, Oct. 8, 1859, daughter of Patrick Monahan. He took her to Morris with an ox team for baptism. Having no gun he made the trip, taking a pitch fork to ward off wolves. John Monahan and a daughter of James Glennin of Avoca Township, who were married October 1863, celebrated the first marriage. The first death was Thomas Bain, a boy who broke through the ice on the Vermillion River while skating and drowned. The next death was an old German who worked for Patrick Monahan. His grave was the first burial in the village cemetery at Chatsworth.

The first school houses were the Dart and Monahan. They were built in 1861. Historians spoke of everyone having the ague, or chills and fever. Prairie wolves were numerous and too familiar at times. Deer too were plentiful and sometimes came to watering troughs to drink.

Along the Vermillion River were a few little groves of trees, named Eagle Grove, Burr Oak and Crab Apple. Eagle Grove was so named because Eagles nested there. Burr Oak was applied to a group of trees chiefly of that species and Crab Apple Grove had a bunch of these bushes scattered through the woods.

The Kankakee and Southwestern Railroad passed through Charlotte. Then the elevator was built there.

When Charlotte separated from Pleasant Ridge, it was the custom for the petitioner (Pleasant Ridge) to take the new name, while all the road graders, scrapers and township property would belong to the other. Mr. Dart talked the citizens into taking a new name and he suggested the name of an old girl friend back in Vermont, the name of Charlotte. Thus Pleasant Ridge kept the old name but also kept the road scrapers.

It is thought the store, ice cream parlor and millinery shop came in following the coming of the railroad in 1880. With the building of the railroad the population increased and the people felt the need of churches.

The Evangelical River Church was established as an organized congregation in 1888, although services had been held in a school house as early as 1867.

The Lutheran Church was built in 1887 by Peter Sterrenberg. This group was organized in 1886.

Both Charlotte and Germanville have always had close ties with Chatsworth as a trading center, church, and school for the education of many of the children as both neighboring townships were non-high territory. After the consolidation of country districts some children went to other towns for their education, who had formerly come to Chatsworth.

CHATSWORTH SCHOOLS

Chatsworth's first school, as already mentioned, was built in 1858. In L. J. Haberkorn's history, he mentioned a second building that stood west of the school building, long known as the old grade school. That school was moved west and across the street to the Frank Gingerich corner, where it was used as a dwelling until torn down to make way for the modern home of Gingerichs.

The elementary school remembered by most people as the old grade school was described as "a two story large four room school house with stone basement" erected across the street west of the Methodist Church in 1870. This building was used until 1960, when it was abandoned and torn down, after the pupils moved to the new elementary building on south Fourth Street.

The Presbyterians had an academy east of the Hotel which ran until the large elementary school took over, then it was discontinued.

Mrs. Brode mentioned in her "Life in Chatsworth" that the upper grades began to be called the high school. That opened in the fall of 1876. When fall work was done on the farms a large number of students came in from the surrounding countryside. The room was filled to overflowing. The high school group was a motley crowd. There were

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Latin, algebra, trigonometry, ancient history and English were among the subjects taught. The first class graduated in 1881 with four members, Mary Fosdick, Louisa Stevens, Eliza Dorsey and Emma Turnbull.

The building of St. Patrick's Academy has already been included with the history of the Catholic Church.

In 1916 an election was held to vote upon the proposition of establishing a township high school. It brought out a large vote. The proposition carried 161 to 139. The first township school board had J. F. Ryan president, Sebastian Glade, Roy Bennett, D. W. Hitch, George Walter, Frank Murtaugh and A. B. Koehler, as members.

Both St. Patrick's Academy and Chatsworth High School held commencement exercises in the Grand in those days. Livingston County graduation

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for the 8th graders of the country schools was held in Chautauqua Park in Pontiac.

The high school was said to be overcrowded with 36 town students, 26 country students and 6 outside the district, making a total of 68. They played basketball in the East End Hall, formerly known as Harbeke's.

In 1921 the board purchased the site for the high school. They obtained 8 acres, for $8,000, at the south east edge of Chatsworth. The new Chatsworth Township High School was started in October 1921 and completed in August 1922. The building was made from Chatsworth brick, made at the Walter Tile and Brick Factory. The total width of the original building was 129 feet, the depth 82 feet The cost was approximately $113,000.

"Chatsworth Township High School Built in 1922"

In 1923 a commercial department was added with Miss Kinsella as teacher. The school enrollment was 112 for the high school.

A dispute arose over an entrance way to the school. A board walk extended south on Fifth Street as the approach to the school. The circuit court judge decided Sixth Street should be opened leading to the new school. In 1925 the court ordered the street leading to school be opened. This case had been pending in court for three years. In September 1926 a new sidewalk was built to the high school, replacing the old board one. Ornamental gate posts were the gift of the Class of 1926. Graduating classes used class funds for memorials in this era, instead of taking senior trips.

Captain Britan, of Onarga, was secured to organize a beginning band in Chatsworth in 1924. In 1928, the high school orchestra placed second in a state contest and in 1929 Chatsworth's 28-piece orchestra won first place in the state contest at Macomb under the Captain's direction. This was a real triumph for a small town school to receive the state championship cup.

New tubular fire escapes were added at the public school, high school and St. Patrick's. They were installed in the summer of 1927. 121 were enrolled in high school that fall.

Manual Arts was introduced in the school in 1929 with John Norton as the first teacher. The shop was set up in what had been the former lunch room and kitchen. The following year a second year of manual arts was added. By 1950 the school felt it had outgrown its gym and a new gymnasium was built on the southwest corner, with a music room beneath the stage.

A new Ag shop was built on the southeast corner. The old gym was rebuilt into a kitchen and cafeteria on the basement level. A floor was extended from the old balcony making the home economics room and two new class rooms.

All the country districts were consolidated in 1947 and buses began bringing students to town.

About this time more land was purchased of what had formerly been the old Kerrins' farm, for a new elementary school. A three unit structure was built, starting in 1955. To this were added more rooms in 1960. Another two rooms were added in 1963 making 11 class rooms, a library, music room, office and gymnasium. The last unit added was a kindergarten at the far north end, completed in 1966.

"The Main Body of This Building Was Completed in 1960"

Other changes were made in the high school, as the old assembly was fitted with tables and chairs for a study hall and the old library and adjoining class room were combined into one large room for the library. The curriculum changed as Latin gave way to Spanish. The laboratory was remodeled and fitted for chemistry. New social studies took the place of ancient history and European history.

New faculty members were added as a librarian, guidance counselor, driver's education teacher, and director of diversified occupations, a course that gives a student, who doesn't plan to attend college, an opportunity to work part time. Russel Kirkham was employed as high school principal in 1967 and the new superintendent will have his office in the elementary school.

TOWN BOARD RECORD BOOKS

The old record books of the town board proved to be interesting reading for one willing to wade through the pages of bills and expenditures.

The oldest ones were minutes of meetings in 1874. A petition from the ladies relative to restraining the use of intoxicating liquors and prohibiting the use of billiard tables was read. The men weren't about to be influenced by their women folks so the petition was placed on file.

The license for the sale of intoxicating liquors was set at $500. No license was granted for billiard

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tables at that time, but the request kept reappearing.

The meeting place was the lumber office of J. T. Bullard. The six members were John Stillwell, L. C. Speicher, John Walter, P. S. Shroyer, R. A. Van Alstine and N. C. Kenyon.

"Bullard's Lumber Yard, A Meeting Place For the Town Board—1872"

A motion often stated "the prayers of the above petition was granted."

The poll tax was fixed at $2.00 or three days work. This work was done on the streets and alleys. Frank Fowler was appointed fire marshall, a position he seemingly held until his death, with reappointment each year.

In 1874 they began to notify the T.P. & W. their stock yards in the middle of town were a nuisance and they must be removed within 30 days. Railroad companies were in the hey day of their existence, at the time however, and were not in any mood to take orders from some little village along the rightaway unless it suited their own intentions.

A canvass of the returns for village organization under general law showed 83 votes for and none against.

At a special meeting July 23, 1874 was recorded the purchasing of a fire engine hose cart and 500 feet of hose from Bloomington for $1,350. These were to be paid for in 3 installments, paying 10% interest on the debt.

A special tax, one half of 1%, was levied to pay for the fire engine.

Finally on September 8th the "prayer of petitioners for billiard tables" was granted. The trustees had to amend the rights ordinances to permit them and licensed the tables at $50 each. The amendment still excluded "all bowling alleys, Jenny Lind or Bagatelle tables."

Frequently the notation appeared "no quorum" and no meeting was held. The election was held in the office of W. W. Sears. The notice stated it would be held from 8 in the morning to 7 in the evening.

In 1875 the saloon license fee dropped to $300. The billiard tables were to be charged $20, then this was amended to $15.

Again the petition was presented for removal of stockyards and the corn cribs were to be declared a nuisance. They were to be removed "within 60 days."

Petitions began to appear nearly every meeting for sidewalks.These were plank affairs sometimes a foot wide, sometimes "2 boards" in width or in some places 3 feet wide. Petitions were sometimes granted, sometimes laid on the table or sometimes referred to the finance committee. If no money were available there was no sidewalk.

A motion to allow John Brown to run a bowling alley was defeated.

One important change has taken place in the matter of health. In 1875 a special meeting was called for caring for the G. Rosenberger family who were confined with small pox. A special police was assigned to guard the premises and prevent anyone from leaving or entering. They were to employ a nurse if necessary.

Next a communication came from Dr. F. H. Bostock saying because of damage to his practice caused by caring for the Rosenberger family he asked the trustees to furnish necessities of life to the family of Dr. Bostock as long as he was confined, caring for said family. A committee was appointed. A $100 donation was made to Dr. Bostock from the village for care in preventing the spread of small pox. A request was made for purchasing of goods in return for goods destroyed by order of village authorities.

In January, 1877 petitions began to come in for street lamps. Charges were preferred against the night watchman for being intoxicated while on duty and 15 days pay was deducted from his time. This was the first year insurance was mentioned. Robert Rumbold insured the town hall and fixtures for $60.

Minutes from 1875 meetings referred to a cistern 12 feet square and 12 feet deep at the southeast corner of the grade school. The fire marshall was instructed "to attend to the windmill."

A bill appeared for a lamp and post, apparently street lights were beginning to appear. Then came the fateful news—there was no money in the treasury. All orders would bear interest at 10%.

A cistern was placed in front of the engine house. Bills appeared for chairs for the town hall and lumber for the stage.

A man asked damages for the closing of 2nd street for the Illinois Central Railroad.

In 1879 elections must have been strange. There were no ballots and no candidates. Voters simply voted for whomever they pleased. Fourteen or fifteen persons received votes for one office.

The treasurer's seemed careless in paying bills. It was noted individuals were allowed $2.50 for serving as judge of election that year and $1.50 for serving a year ago.

In spite of this Treasurer Wakelein was presented a gold headed cane as a token of esteem and the latter gentleman "responded in a neat and appropriate speech."

There were stormy sessions in 1879. The vote for president of the board ended in a tie. They voted 3 times with the same results. Finally the meeting was adjourned. At the next meeting they balloted 6 times, still a tie vote.

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Shroyer remarked they had neglected to appoint a chairman pro temp and made a motion it should be done. Greenwood objected, claiming the chairman had been chosen the first meeting and would still be in charge. The original chairman, who must have been presiding even though not elected for that evening, declared the motion out of order.

A motion was made to adjourn until next regular meeting. This was amended to meet the following Tuesday. The ballot was a tie. There were different motions "to meet at call of clerk, Friday evening, Thursday evening—all tied." Finally they agreed to meet Wednesday evening. This was followed by a special meeting to accept the resignation of Cowling and Greenwood and call for a new election to elect two members to fill vacancies. At the next election M. Reising and Wm. Cowling were elected. Then Peter Saroyer was elected president and things proceeded more smoothly. In 1880, Greenwood was returned to the Board.

Minutes were very difficult to read as Clerk R. M. Spargin wrote double "s" like "p"—succepor (successor), busmep (business), exprep (express), croping (crossing).

The president lectured the saloon keepers and told them what to expect if they didn't obey the law. Druggists were permitted to sell intoxicating liquor for medicinal purposes.

Sam Waters, who worked on the streets, put in a bill for burying a dead horse, but the bill wasn't allowed. Another man who presented a bill for hauling a dead horse out of town had his bill reduced from $1.50 to 75c.

At the next meeting it was moved that the board reconsider the motion and allow for burial expenses attending the funeral of the Townsend horse. The motion was declared out of order as only someone who voted in the affirmative could make a motion.

Bills seemed remarkably small "25c for hauling lumber, 62c for working on bridge."

In 1880 trustees drew lots for 1 year, 2 year or 3 year terms.

Any local organization that rented the Town Hall had to pay $2 in warm weather and $3 in cold weather. Balls, theaters, traveling entertainments were chrged $5. Church "sociables," festivals, school, church and political meetings only had to pay $2.

A special meeting was called to prevent spread of small pox. Sam Waters was hired to guard the premises and prevent anyone entering or leaving the building that was under quarantine. Directors of schools were requested to close for two weeks.

The Catholic Church petitioned in 1881 for a fire cistern to be put in at their church.

Early clerks were quite expressive in their accounts. Writing in regard to issuing a permit to the druggist for sale of intoxicating liquors, the statement concluded with "asking them to use their best endeavor to suppress the hydra-headed monster."

By 1882 requests were beginning to appear for construction of sidewalks, using brick or stone. The town marshall was instructed to arrest and prosecute "any persons found damaging trees, breaking windows, robbing bird's nests, injuring any public or private property." (This ordinance should still be enforced today). The marshall was instructed to keep all bicycles and tricycles off Main Street.

The Board wanted a corn crib in the center of town removed but couldn't unless it was declared a nuisance and they couldn't find a reason to declare it a nuisance. J. G. True was given permission to put a hard wood floor in the Town Hall. It could be rented for $2 a night until paid for and was to be for any purpose except roller skating as True and Haberkorn already had "dibs on the roller skating."

By 1883, the trustees were to be paid $50 a year with a fine of $2 for an absence. That year an ordinance was passed to establish a Board of Health in the Village. Dr. Byington and Dr. True were the doctors appointed to the first board.

Rev. Father Van der Hagen wanted to put up tables on the north side of the park for the 4th of July and was granted the privilege.

An ordinance was passed concerning the Central Telephone Company granting permission for wires and poles.

Another ordinance stated any person found drunk should be fined not less than ten dollars or more than fifty.

The janitor of Town Hall also had the duties of keeping the windmill in order and ice off the cisterns.

1885 must have been a snowy year, like 1967. Shoveling was paid for, 75c a half day. 16 men, some with a horse, worked as much as 9½ days shoveling.

The death of General Grant was marked with ceremony, all flags flew at half mast, business houses were draped in black, many were closed. Bells tolled between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. while solemn funeral cortege was moving. News of the President's death probably came by telegraph or dispatch.

Father Van der Hagen rented the Town Hall, each year, for the Christmas Fair.

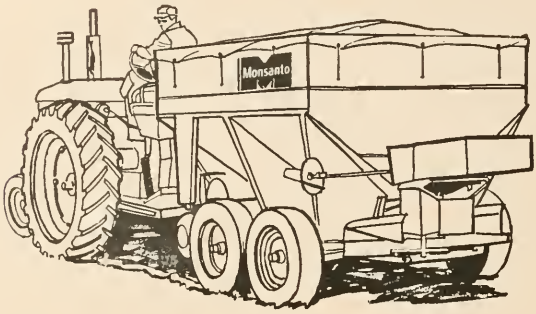
Henry Game was appointed fire marshall after the death of Frank Fowler, long time fire chief. When a dispute arose because another man wanted the job, Mr. Game resigned, but was reappointed a couple of years later.

The band practiced in the trustee's room, then a bandstand was built in the Park.

Finally in 1887, the T.P. & W. stockyards were moved from the R.R. Park to ground the Board purchased west of town. This was more than 13 years after the request was first made for removal "within thirty days."

Standard prices were $1.50 for burying 3 dogs, burying 3 cats 50c, $1.00 for boarding a pauper, 25c for a meal for a tramp. A pair of blankets was purchased for the calaboose (jail). All the old indebtedness was fully paid off.

Political parties were to have use of the Town Hall free of rent. The Village purchased an oil tank and began to purchase fuel by the barrel for the kerosene street lamps.



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After the first vote for a new town hall ended in a tie, the second one turned out 94 to 93 in favor.

By 1880 the president of the board was elected by the voters, not by board of trustees. This saved many a fight.

Expenses were allowed to H. M. Bangs "for sending telegram for crazy man", 95c. S. L. Martin was permitted the use of the Town Hall for a wrestling match.

In 1891, the fire and water committee was instructed to remove lattice work and rubbish and and clean out the belfry so that the fire bell could be heard more plainly. The calaboose was to be moved to a halt way point between the livery stable and Town Hall.

The hall was being rented to a Dancing Club. Dances, shows, free home entertainment and school functions were held in the Town Hall.

It was 1892 before the first mention was made of the Australian ballot election supplies, which meant an officially prepared ballot.

In 1894 there was a discussion on street lighting by electricity. Finally on July 10, it was approved for 10 two thousand candle power arc electric lights to be placed at various points on streets of Village. Lights were furnished only from twilight to midnight.

In 1896, the town board was in a hassle over men the president, Revilo Oliver, appointed as special police. At first the board refused to pay them, but later reconsidered.

Spying and tattling paid off in 1897. Anyone who would give proof of persons riding or driving on the sidewalk would receive $2.00

Law suits were mentioned frequently and the hiring of a counsel, but nothing was said what the suit was about. Dogs had to be muzzled during "dog days" of July and August.

The telephone company was granted the right to use the streets and alleys for poles and wires.

In 1899, the fire bell tower was set up at the corner of Fourth and Maple.

An ordinance was passed in 1900 prohibiting the sale of cigarettes within the corporate limits. A telephone was placed in the Town Hall and a new hall (the present one) was erected at the cost of $1,895.

A contract was drafted in 1901 with D. J. Stanford to furnish electric lights for the Village streets. Minutes often referred to the "Prairie Bird" fire engine. Meals were being served to prisoners for $1.00 a day.

One lawsuit developed over division of funds for highways and bridges alloted by highway commissioner. This was taken to State Supreme Court.

In 1913, Ross Haberkorn was appointed fire marshall, a position he held for many years. That was the first year motor vehicles were mentioned. An ordinance required motor vehicles to have mufflers.

In 1914, clerks were recording the number of men's votes and the number of women's votes. Women were not allowed to vote on everything.

P. E. Prink was editor of the Plaindealer On

"Early Car of The Lutsons— Notice the Right Hand Drive"

April 7, 1914 there was a local option election and Chatsworth became anti-saloon territory. Within 30 days all saloons had to be closed. No more revenue came from liquor licenses.

In 1918, brick paving was done on some of the streets. The firemen petitioned to move the fire bell nearer the engine house. This was granted. In 1917, the faithful old fire engine "Prairie Bird" was sold to the highest bidder, Henry Rosenboom, for $51. Chatsworth had four doctors then, Palmer, Seright, Sloan and Ellingwood. That year first mention was made of oiling the streets.

Time vouchers had to be issued to George Watson, who had been building concrete sidewalks all over town, because the Village was out of funds.

In 1918, Dr. O. J. Sloan enlisted for service in World War I. Signs were put up for children going to and from school to protect them from passing cars.

In 1919, the town purchased a tractor for $500 for use in leveling and grading streets. The Public Library was mentioned for the first time when Mrs. L. J. Haberkorn became librarian. The following year a board of directors was elected for the Public Library. These were: S. S. Hitch, Mrs. Harriet Linn, John Gingerich, Mrs. Charles Kueffner, W. C. Quinn, and Miss Helena Aaron. Later Miss Aaron became librarian, a position held in more recent years by Mrs. Alice Swarzwalder.

ODDS AND ENDS

From old newspapers

1886

The sermons of Elder Trask, Baptist Church, Rev. Holtz, Lutheran, and Rev. Father Van der Hagen, Catholic, were printed in full in the February 25th issue of the Plaindealer. Other ministers' sermons appeared the next week.

Children were named with averages of 90% or better. Among the names were Charles Dorsey, 97, Aquila Entwistle, 93; Minnie Desmond, 94.

After a wedding was described, there was listed the gifts and who gave them, as "Mr. and Mrs. Foreman, a pair of blankets; Ella Longmyer, set of teacups and saucers."

At the close of the school program April 2, at district number 7, Esther Pierce recited "Kitty", Eddie Pierce, "Birds at School", Joe Rumbold,

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The school report named the youngsters getting above 75. These were Mamie Meguier, 1st grade; Stella Moore (Wittler), 1st; Conrad Heppe, 1st; Laura Moore (Brown), 2nd; Fred Bork, 2nd; Pearl Desmond, 3rd; Dick Turner, 5th; Charley Dorsey, 5th, Aquila Entwistle, 6th and Etta Parker, senior class.

At the commencement in the Town Hall June 1886, adults furnished the music, a mixed quartette, and Louis Haberkorn played a cornet solo. Mary Stevens (Pearson) gave the valedictorian address. Miss Carrie Hall was accompanist for the vocal music and Mr. Haberkorn. It was noted "Our policemen, Messrs. Sanford and Cole are deserving of thanks for their efforts at preserving order at the commencement exercises." (Commencement must have been wild in those days to require two policemen).

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1887 June 17

"Chatsworth will celebrate July 4, 1887, as only Chatsworth knows how to celebrate and it will be in a royal manner. Parade, oration, games, shooting match, fireworks, balloon ascension, dances and all other attractive features to instruct and amuse. Come and bring your families! Come and bring your sweetheart! There is room for all!"

The first alumni banquet was held in 1887. The speeches were quoted verbatim in the paper, 11 speeches and poems were recorded. They made quite a fuss over their one boy and called him "our sweet boy graduate."

1888

"At a meeting of the school board held on Friday and Saturday evenings of last week the following appointments of teachers were made: Principal, C. E. Schlabach; grammar department, Sadie Hemperly; intermediate department, Alice Schlabach; second primer, Elizabeth Campbell; first primer, Minnie Brown. John Taggert was reappointed janitor."

St. Patrick's Academy presented a program March 17 and 18. They gave "The Witch of Rosenburg," a drama in 4 scenes. 23 young ladies had parts in addition to the choruses.

Rev. J. B. Elfrink was listed as pastor of the Evangelical Church and Rev. D. R. MacGregor, pastor of the Baptist Church.

At the second alumni banquet, Kate Bigham, author of "Life in Chatsworth" gave an address on "The Man With a Purpose."

1898 April 29

Judge Beach of Piper City, delivered a grand oration on the Spanish American War, before a large and attentive audience in response to Capt. R. Finley Brown's call for volunteers. The judge was one of the main attorneys in the celebrated Oliver case.

There was a petition to the honorable trustees of the Village of Chatsworth pleading for the trustees to provide a fire bell "which will be heard when the alarm is sounded."

A company of children, mostly boys, aged from seven to fifteen from the New York Juvenile Asylum were expected to arrive at the Commercial Hotel on Thursday morning, May 5th. Homes were wanted for them with farmers, who would treat them kindly. They could be taken on trial for several weeks and then indentured until they were of age.

THE MIDDLE YEARS

In the town election, 1916, there was a contest between wets and drys. The drys won out with a majority of 162. The ballots were divided according to sex, because women did not yet have equal suffrage. The men cast 506 votes, the women, 438.

A home talent play, "Matrimonial Exchange" was given for the benefit of the Public Library. Among the cast members were: Marie Ryan, Myrtle Linn, Esther Walter, Agnes Slater. They cleared $46.91 and decided to take the play to Piper City. The library was open then daily, except Tuesday.

The Callahan Dramatic Company came for its annual production, giving three nights of entertainment in a tent.

Chatsworth was having Chautauquas, held every summer in a tent. Feature events were singing, readings, lectures, a xylophone player and a band. That was the day of Sunday School picnics. Chatsworth and Germanville Evangelical Churches held their annual picnic at Ashman's Grove. There was plenty of lemonade, games with prizes, baseball.

The newspaper carried stories of threshing rings, telling the number of acres threshed as 1,256 for the Banner threshing run, with an average yield of 37 bushels per acre.

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A drive was on in the fall to sell tickets for the winter lyceum or lecture course. Hard time socials were a popular form of entertainment. Guests were fined for wearing ear rings, neckties, cuff links or any adornment.

The Household Science Club was quite active, having 50 members. They entertained their men folks with a supper and program.

Sale bills advertised Percheron and Belgian horses, wagons, buggies and horsedrawn machinery. This was the transitional period from the horse era to the tractor and car age.

A Choral Club (the forerunner of the Community Choir) was organized in March 1919 and gave a concert in the Grand. Its first program, under the direction of Prof. L. C. Smith, featured quartettes, octettes, solos and readings.

Chatsworth claimed to be a great chicken center as the hatchery of A. G. Norman sold thousands of baby chicks.

The high school play, "Spell of The Image" was given at The Grand. Tickets sold for 25c and 35c. They made $77.35 which they planned to use to buy a victrola and records. The graduating class was small, only three, Irene Hitch, Leora Leggate and Elmer Koerner. Elmer Koerner went on to become an outstanding band leader.

The paper carried stories of run-a-way horses with people being thrown out or dragged and injured..

The amendment giving women the right to vote in all elections passed, but was not ratified by three fourths of the states in time for the primary.

There was an item warning people to keep their chickens penned up as they were trespassing in neighbors gardens. (a gross understatement, no doubt).

Memorial Day in 1921 was observed with a very complete program, the band, choral club, a reading, address by a Judge, remarks by a Civil War veteran and prayer at the Village Park.

The Village Board voted by secret ballot to grant the movies the privilege of holding Sunday night shows, in spite of a petition and delegation requesting it not be granted.

Boy Scouts were active then, 18 boys with their Scout Master, Rev. R. W. Maulden, went camping on the Iroquois River. An American Legion Auxiliary was organized in Chatsworth at the home of Dr. Palmer, September 21, 1922 with 21 members.

Nearby robberies caused the local banks to close during the noon hour as a safety precaution, as only two employees would be on duty. Scarlet fever closed the schools. Miss Helen Holby, English teacher, and Zora Gray, a high school student, were quarantined, but school re-opened in a week when no new cases developed.

March 6, 1924, contractors were getting ready for work on Corn Belt Trail. A crew of 80 to 100 men made Chatsworth their headquarters. A number of teams started grading 3 miles west of Chatsworth. 15 teams and twice as many men were added later. It is noted that horses were still being used. They began pouring cement May 1, 1924. Work was completed that fall.

March 8, 1924, the town began using the fire siren to indicate 12 o'clock noon. A fire in the Shafer building started in the millinery shop of Mrs. Lulu McMullen. Mrs. Alice Swarzwalder and Charles Shafer were severely burned in getting out the front door.

The Chamber of Commerce was formed in 1924 with 40 members. New ornamental street lights that cost $2,500 were turned on June 11, 1924. These were replaced by the present vapor lights.

In 1957, July 4th was celebrated with an old fashioned basket picnic dinner at Snyder's Grove, sports, races and program. The American Legion

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Milton and Daniel Tauber came to Chatsworth to operate a dry goods store in 1921. In 1926, J. Lester Haberkorn was traveling with White's Minstrels, T. J. Baldwin was a winner with a Ford racer at Cedar Rapids.

Miss Nellie Ruppel was teaching at Brown's Business College in Bloomington. Country teachers were: Zora Gray, Evergreen school, Myra Taylor, Pearson; Margaret Milstead, Kerber, Lottie Hill, Tile Factory Road; Helen Blaine, Kohler; Gertrude Albee, Bennett; Helena Franey, District 254

"The Bennett-Hubly School. Gladys Milstead, Teacher"

That was the year the Royal Neighbors sponsored a musical comedy "Circus Solly." A troop of Boy Scouts was organized with Albert Wisthuff, Scoutmaster, and William Zorn and Harold Bennett, assistants.

The Chatsworth Needle Club gave their money, $33.93 for Park improvements. The Fairbury Fair sponsored a Baby Show. John F. Blumenschein received a blue ribbon, and the Bouhl twins, Keith and Kenneth, a red ribbin in the twin class, as one was slightly underweight.

March 1929, John Koehler won the distinction of being the best oral speller in Central Illinois and his sister-in-law, Mrs. A. B. Koehler, was second best in an old fashioned spelldown contest held in Bloomington. There were 100 people in the contest, 50 from Bloomington-Normal and 50 from other towns. Other contestants from Chatsworth were A. B. Koehler, Miss Teresa Storr, and W. C. Quinn. John Koehler retained his spelling title in 1930.

Talkie movies came to Chatsworth in 1930 in the Baldwin building, operated by Frank Kaiser.

Chatsworth was raided by the Sheriff's officers looking for moonshine. It is reported they found it.

Over 200 persons witnessed the splendid drama, "The Challenge of the Cross," presented by the Evangelical Young people at a union service. Prof. H. W. McCulloch, superintendent of Chatsworth schools, taught summer school at Normal.

The Antique Hotel changed ownership and changed its name to the Chatsworth Hotel in 1927. The annual school picnic with grade and high school pupils, teachers and parents was held in Kemnetz Grove (formerly Olivers).

By 1930 Albert Wisthuff was adding new incubators and hatching 80,000 chicks at one setting. The American Legion and Auxiliary, assisted by members of the community, presented "Corporal Eagen" with the minstrel as the high spot.

The Commercial Bank closed its doors February 26, 1930. Withdrawals of deposits for several days prior hastened the closing. The bank had been involved in several bankruptcies. The Citizens Bank brought in extra funds in case of a run, but no run developed. The Commercial paid 30% dividend to depositors.

THE LATER YEARS

(From scrap books of Martha Livingston, Fay Shafer and other sources)

Early residents recall the little store owned by Albert Hasbargen on the north side of the street in the west business block. Mr. Hasbargen, father of Rose Walters, lived into the 90's and operated the little grocery store that stood where Mrs. Walter's house stands today.

July 1937, Chatsworth furnished 58 characters for the pageant at Livingston County Centennial. Miss Myra Taylor was chairmen of the Chatsworth unit.

Chatsworth Sportsmen released 52 pheasants in this vicinity. Maynard Roberts was president and Hilko Remmers, secretary-treasurer, of the local club. 46 pheasants were released at a later date.

After the farmers' wives gave up serving dinner to threshermen, the men were brought to town and served in restaurants or private homes. In the summer of 1933, Mrs. William Lafferty served dinner to 320 men in her home. She served 85 meals in one day between 11 and 12:30.

In 1938 the school picnic scheduled to be held in Ruppels' Grove was rained out and held instead in the high school. High school students ate in room 21 and grade school in room 23. A stand was set up in the basement and the faculty members dispensed free ice cream and lemonade. Principal Wm. Kibler and custodian P. A. Koerner, Jr., aided by teachers and some of the more ambitious students, organized a quick cleanup and restored the gymnasium to a dignified auditorium barely in time for commencement that evening with only a faint aroma of dill pickles, deviled eggs and potato salad that lingered still.

The Calvary Baptist's newly organized congregation held outdoor baptismal services at the Tile Pond. Rev. Elmer Crockett officiated. Dr. Francis Townsend, a native of Fairbury, spoke at a Townsend meeting in the Grand on the Townsend plan. This was a plan to give the elderly an income of $200 a month, financed by business transactions and was quite a popular idea before the days of social security.

Claude Bailey was recreational director in 1938. The Park was fixed up with a tennis court, volleyball court, horseshoe games, and ping pong for recreation of the youth. Three new picnic tables were added, a gift of the Woman's Club.

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Chatsworth held its first dance at the junior-senior-banquet May 1940. Jim Cooney was toastmaster. School board members and wives were guests. Chatsworth had a May Queen and a dance around the May pole. Lois Chantry was voted Queen of the May. Her attendants were Mary Donna Schade, Joy Cooney, Mary Margaret Herr and Jean Porterfield.

The famous Chatsworth Community Sale began in 1940. It wasn't always on February 22. The 4th sale was noted on February 27.

Jimmy Smith, evangelist, conducted tent services here in 1937 and 1938. The Chatsworth Alumni Association presented a historical pageant. Willis Pearson wrote the script for the program presented August 24, 1938 at the Wednesday night entertainment, sponsored by the businessmen. 51 persons gave the history in speech and song beginning with 1818. K. Rosenboom sang "The Bridge That Burned at Chatsworth".

Ladies of the W.S.C.S. still joke about the time they had a stand at the Theodore Meisenhelder's farm sale. It was so cold a container of coffee froze on its way from the stove to the counter. People were drinking quarts of coffee whether they liked it or not just to get their hands warm.

In 1943 the president of the Chatsworth Township High School Board was elected for a two year term instead of one. Clarence Bennett was president at the time.

The OES released their dining room to be used as a room where surgical dressings were made by the Red Cross. Girls were going into the WAACS and WAVES. Ann Weller was a WAAC, Josephine Feely and Dorothy Cording were WAVES. The high school had a victory book drive for service men.

The Junior and Senior Woman's Clubs combined efforts in a carnival, with a program consisting of plays, musical numbers, readings, followed by games, dancing and refreshments.

Jack Kane went to the state contest at Urbana with his oration, after winning the highest rank in A and B classes at the sectional contest at Gilman. Miss Elsie Stoutemyer was his speech coach.

Germanville had a plaque with the names of 27 men and women in the armed services. These included 25 men, 1 nurse and one WAAC.

The public school Mother's Club held a tea each year for the senior girls and women faculty members. In 1941 the public school began a patrol system to help youngsters cross the railroad and Route 24. It was inaugurated by the Mother's Club, a forerunner of the P.T.A.

More than 100 persons attended the laying of the cornerstone at the Germanville Township Hall April 1, 1941. Township officers bought the building left vacant by Germanville Lutheran Church when it merged with Chatsworth. J. Adam Ruppel gave the history of Germanville.

Every year the biology class gave an Arbor Day program dealing with some phase of conservation stressing the importance of saving trees and birds. Class members made posters and planted trees at school and at home. The grade and parochial children and parents were invited to attend.

Chatsworth, Forrest and Fairbury schools joined in a music festival with bands and choruses from the three schools taking part. This was under the supervision of Mrs. Carolyn Bert, Chatsworth's music teacher and L. J. Bert, the Forrest music teacher.

129 stars were on the two service flags dedicated at commencement in 1943. These included those who graduated and those who attended Chatsworth High School. Rita Kueffner, president of the G.A.A. conducted the dedication ceremony. That year the seniors sang for the first time the song "Chatsworth, Oh Chatsworth", composed by Mrs. Bert. This custom has become a tradition for seniors. The school flew the Minute Man flag when 90% or more of the students purchased stamps or war bonds. 21 high school students with faculty members, Miss Jane Owens and W. A. Kibler, took a boat trip to Sturgeon Bay.

January 1949,, Leathers' Produce burned and the Maplethorpe Shoe Repair Shop was damaged. This was once Chatsworth's opera house and one of the oldest buildings in town.

In March 1949, Chatsworth voted to form a Unit School District. In April the first board was chosen with Ray Martin, Robert Koehler, Lloyd Shafer from Chatsworth; George Saathoff and Charles Culkin, Charlotte; Burnell Henrichs and Kenneth Hummel, Germanville. The president was elected by the members of the board rather than the voters as previously done. Charles Culkin is the only member who has been on since the unit was formed. He has served 18 years on the board, and a number of years as president.

The $25,000 Ag Shop was completed in 1949 and opened in the school year of 1949-50. Gordon Bicket was the first ag teacher and organized the ag and shop program. School picnics were still being held in Oliver's Grove in 1949. The Reynolds Spring Factory built an addition to their building that year. The school board planning an $85,000 high school gym, which was delayed in building by the war, scarcity of materials and rising prices, ran out of money. Another $50,000 was voted in February and the gym was completed in time for the 1950-51 basketball season. Charles Mathieu was the coach. The Chatsworth gym costing $158,000 was dedicated December 8, 1950 at the Chatsworth-Piper City basketball game.

Lloyd Shafer won the state plowing contest in 1949 and in 1950 won the National contour plowing contest at Urbana, Ohio.

In 1950 the Federal Housing Authority approved construction of 14 low cost homes located in extreme northeast part of the Village. Traeger Rosenboom was president of the local Chatsworth Housing Project. Houses with three bedrooms were built to sell for $7,300 without garage or basement.

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The Pals Bible Club founded by Irene Askew in 1949 had 138 members enrolled in 1951. They met in her home until they outgrew it and then moved to the store building formerly occupied by L. J. Haberkorn.

August 2, 1951, Chatsworth held its first FFA Fair on the high school grounds. Gordon Bickel was the ag teacher.

The Catholic Church held its 75th anniversary as an independent parish. Father R. E. Raney was the pastor. Father J. J. Kerrins, a native of Chatsworth, assisted in the service.

The Diller Tile Factory fire in 1952 was estimated to have caused $75,000 to $100,000 damage. Following the fire, Dillers purchased the three kiln Campus Brick Tile Factory and continued working until their factory was rebuilt.

The Firemen's Ball was held in 1953 with the Jolly Sailors furnishing the music. Richard Sargeant received the State Farmer degree in Springfield in 1954. Wm. Matthias hitch hiked around the world on $1,000. He visited among other places, the House of Chatsworth, the home of the Duke of Devonshire after which our town was named.

The American Screen Factory came to Chatsworth, enlarged the plant and built their own individual water tower for fire protection.

"School Centennial Play given at P.T.A."

Standing left to right—A. B. Collins, Carl Milstead, Clarence Bennett, Keith Cluts (music leader), Louise Stoutemeyer (play coach). Seated—Bill Zorn (on dunce stool), May Bennett, Elsie Milstead, Elsie Miller, Augusta Sterrenberg, Edith Zorn, Eileen Kane.

The PTA held its Centennial school program November 18, 1958. This celebrated the buliding of the first school in Chatsworth. Grandparents put on a play entitled "School Days." Former teachers were honored.

On Arbor Day, April 29, 1959 students planted a tree and buried a copper box in front of the new elementary school. They were following the custom started in 1889 of planting a tree and burying a box at intervals of 15 years. This box will be excavated

Standing left to right—Helena Franey, Stella Hornickel, Fannie Pierce, Augusta Sterrenberg, Gladys Rosendahl. Seated—Pearl Desmond, Agnes Hayes, Mrs. Henry Thorndyke, Eileen Kane, Elsie Milstead.

in 15 years, which will be 1974. At that time another tree is to be planted and another box buried.

"Burying Box"

Gerald Martin, Claude Branz, Don Sharp

On Friday evening, September 25, 1959, the newly lighted Kibler Field was dedicated. It was the first time Chatsworth had a night football game. At half time intermission, the American Legion color guard performed. Rev. Charles Fleck, E.U.B. Pastor, gave the prayer. Supt. Marlin Meyer spoke and the school board was introduced. Allen Diller gave the speech of dedication of the Kibler Field to William Kibler, teacher, coach and superintendent at Chatsworth for more than 35 years. Mr. Kibler

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expressed his appreciation. The high school band, under the direction of Ed Spry, furnished the music. Rev. Allen Marshall, Baptist pastor, gave the benediction. The football game with Kempton was won by Chatsworth 20 to 0. Harold Bishop was coach. C. L. Ortman, James Peers, Dwain Parker and William Rebholz installed the lights for the field.

The new Chatsworth elementary school was dedicated on April 19, 1960 with a program by the P.T.A. During a brief two year period the PTA had observed the school's centennial, the abandoning of the 90 year old elementary school and the dedication of the new one. In 1960, John Kelly moved to Chatsworth and took over management of Baldwin's Federated Store, which in time became known as J. C. Kelly Company.

Friday, November 22, 1963 was a day of shock, as President John F. Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas, Texas. Games were cancelled, flags flew at half mast, people assembled in the churches for memorial services for the slain president.

School was dismissed on Monday as the students attended church or watched the funeral services on television. This was the sixth president, starting with Lincoln, who had died in office or been assassinated. At intervals of 20 years presidents elected in 1860, 1880, 1900, 1920, 1940 and 1960 had all died in office.

Three of Chatsworth's churches have celebrated their centennials, the Methodist in 1959, the First Baptist in 1965 and the Evangelical United Brethren in 1966.

The Chatsworth Plaindealer was sold to the Fairbury Blade on January 1, 1966 and the machinery moved to Fairbury. This is the first time in 93 years the town has not had a locally printed paper. Mrs. Allen Gerdes, editor and bookkeeper is the only employee left in the Chatsworth office.

Chatsworth High School purchased a plane in 1947, a war surplus product, for about $200, for the aeronautics class for ground use only.

June 15, 1947, Chatsworth voted the school merger. 18 districts were consolidated, 3 in Germanville, 6 in Charlotte, and 9 in Chatsworth.

Walt Lee was using his plane to spot foxes. They bagged 49 in May 1947 and during 1948 the fox hunters got 123 with Walt's help in his Ercoup. Some were skinned for rugs.

Construction began July 23, 1948 on the ag shop. The gym was not completed until later.

The factory at the south edge of Chatsworth has undergone many changes in the course of its existance. It began as the Chatsworth Manufacturing Co. About 1940 it became the Clearing Cabinet Co., with William Haberkorn, president. This was followed by Reynolds Spring, and it is now American Screen.

Old timers recall Tommy O'Toole meeting the trains and hauling the mail to the Post Office in his two wheeled cart.

The new Post Office was formally dedicated August 1, 1964. Karl Weller is the present Postmaster, assistants are Willis Pearson, Loren Gillett and Mrs. Milford Irwin. Rural mail carriers are Joe Wittler and Clarence Kurtenbach with Joe Baltz as substitute. Recently retired carriers are R. V. McGreal and John Donovan.

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FROM OLD SCHOOL RECORDS

Our oldest school records are from Charlotte, the Hubly school. They go back to 1861. The main things recorded were the elections of directors. In 1867, H. Parson received 2 votes; J. H. Linn, 2 votes, and James Greenwood, 1. Because of the tie, lots were cast and Linn won. The secretaries weren't such good spellers then, they spelled issued—ishued, census—cincus and certificate really threw them, they spelled it scirtfacte.

In 1877 the directors were instructed to furnish two rows of trees around the lot and to hire having the trees planted. The magnificent sum of $250 was assessed to run the school for an entire year. A janitor was engaged for the winter term at $2 a month. Miss Katie Brigham was employed to teach a term of 4 months at $25 a month of 22 days and was instructed to take all possible care of school property.

In October they hired a man, Warren B. Keith, as teacher for the winter term at $35 per month. They must have been a bit uncertain about him for they wrote, "If at any time the directors consider him incompetent, he is to consider his term ended by their request." Sure enough their premonition was right. In March the minutes read, "It was resolved to dispense with our teacher, Mr. B. Keith as we consider him not competent, as he does not enforce order in school nor does he attend to having his commands obeyed."

A meeting of the parents was called to see if it was advisable to continue the term and notes say "They consider a female teacher would not be suitable to finish the winter term."

After that teachers were required to be their own janitors, according to the minutes.

Chatsworth records only go back to 1905. H. L. Kessler was elected superintendent at a salary of $100 per month, "Subject to be discharged by the board at the end of any month for sufficient cause." This clause read the same for all teachers.

Superintendent Kessler apparently kept a pretty close watch on the students who called him "Eagle Eye Kessler."

Miss Louise Reinmiller was assigned principal of the high school at a salary of $55 per month and Thomas Pepperdine was appointed janitor at $30 per month.

There was the annual school picnic with committees for music, amusements, and lemonade. The Chatsworth Juvenile Band received $20 for playing at the school picnic and L. J. Haberkorn was paid $10 for a barrel of lemonade.

An odd thing occured then, or it seems odd to us today. Admission was charged for commencement. On June 12, 1905 an admission of 15c was required to attend graduation.

The school was apparently papered then for they paid $25.55 for wall paper and hanging of the same. R. H. Bell was appointed truant officer at the sum of $3 per month to make sure the kids went to school.

In 1906 Burch's Orchestra was hired for commencement and the president presented the diplomas to the graduates. A school census showed 327 school age children.

The directors met at various places. Meetings are recorded being held in the council room, Doud's Store, Mauritzen's, Butener Shop.

In November 1906 a special meeting was called. It seems the Board of Health had dismissed 47 pupils from school. Dr Carson stated the prevalance of diphtheria made it expedient to send home all with sore throats or swollen tonsils. With shots and tests for diphtheria today, this disease has practically been wiped out.

Sometimes the directors were guilty of penny pinching. When Mrs. Becker presented a bill for $2.60 for labor and ointment for injured hands, the directors trimmed the bill to $2 and Joan Becker's bill of $2.75 for fumigating the school was cut to $2.50. One extravagance seemed to be an item of $15 paid for material for decoration for commencement.

In 1908 electric lights were installed for $30.67 and L. J. Haberkorn furnished a fire extinguisher for $6.45. That same year a steam heating plant and lavatory plumbing were installed.

Miss Pearl Desmond was hired as teacher of the intermediate grades at $50 a month in 1909. School was dismissed on Thursday and Friday afternoons during the corn carnival. In 1910 the directors voted to have a speaker for commencement, apparently something new. That same year Henry Wisthuff began work as janitor for $40 a month. Mr. Wisthuff continued as janitor for more than 30 years, retiring in 1943.

"Henry Wisthuff, janitor at The Grade School for more than 30 years, alongside The Old School Bell just before it was turned in for scrap iron during World War II.

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THE BRYDON DIARY

Anyone who keeps a diary consistently for a period of years is certain to have some noteworthy facts. Such was the case of James Brydon. He began his saga in 1865 while he was a soldier in the Union Army, stationed near Huntsville, Ala. He frequently mentioned "went foraging" which was a polite way of saying the soldiers went out to pick up whatever was loose, whether it was a pig or cow for their own food, sheaves of wheat or corn fodder for their horses and mules or lumber to build themselves a shanty.

Mr. Brydon was a naturalist. He spoke of going out while on leave and collecting geological specimens (rocks) to send home. He was attached to an Ambulance Corps in the 42nd Illinois Infantry and drove an ambulance pulled by two horses, Jim and Charley.

His diary told of the northern troops taking Richmond, Va., then of Lee's army being "worsted" as they retreated, and finally on April 10, 1865 of Lee's surrender. This was followed only five days later by news of President Lincoln's assassination. Brydon wrote, "He was not only the soldier's friend, he was everybody's friend." He told of receiving his pay, $218.90 for 8 months.

He came up the Mississippi on a barge pulled by a steamboat to Cairo. Some of the boys packed up, climbed on the Illinois Central and went home, but Mr. Brydon wanted an honorable discharge so he remained. He was sent back to New Orleans. It wasn't until January 1866 he was back in Cairo and then on to Camp Butler. He received a Sgt. commission, $360 and his discharge. On March 31 he mentioned seeing an eclipse of the moon.

It was April 21 that same year, he took the train (T.P. & W.) for Chatsworth for the first time. Trains were often referred to as "the cars." He was looking for L. Dart to find work, but unable to find him, he stopped off with Mr. Roberts, the inventor of the knitting machine, two miles north of Chatsworth, and began to work for him.

Mr. Brydon was apparently a religious man. He never worked on Sunday. His Sunday diary often recorded "meeting" or "school", whether he meant Sunday School or church meeting in the school house isn't clear.

May 17, 1866 he mentioned buying 80 acres for $640. He worked for neighbors to earn money to acquire tools. Among neighbors mentioned were Hiram Parsons, several Linns, Hallam, Edwards, Baltz, Trunk, Cook, Shols, Hubly, Bitner, Hevener, Goggins, Wittler, Clark and Wm. Throne.

He drove his horses and goods to Chatsworth in May 1868. He mentioned the roads being bad. He crossed the Vermillion River and went to Peter Van Weber's. After getting lumber in Chatsworth, he began work on a stable, then he began to break the prairie sod and plant corn. With pride he noted "Stay on own land, a new thing to me." He finished planting corn the 13th of June. In addition to corn, he mentioned potato planting. The next step was digging a well. He struck water at 9 feet.

Mr. Brydon went to Chatsworth in June to buy carpenter tools and lumber to build a shanty. He noted he had to "try to build a house myself, as have not money enough to hire it done." Whenever he wasn't hoeing potatoes or plowing for a neighbor, he worked on his building. By July 20 he noted "Proud over my new shanty, first home of my own I ever had."

July 24 he went to Joliet to get a marriage license and on the 27th he wrote "went to Wilmington, got shaved. In afternoon went to residence of J. E. Jessup and was married to Miss Eliza Ann Jessup by Mr. Wardle. This is my 30th birthday." On August 4 he started for Chatsworth with his new bride. Two days later he wrote, "Went to Chatsworth to buy housekeeping stuff and commence married life."

From Mr. Brydon's diary we can learn the crops planted 100 years ago and many of the activities. In addition to corn, he spoke of barley, hay, which was in stacks, wheat, oats, cane which was stripped and hauled to Piper City to the mill and made into molasses, rye and flax.

Among his tasks he mentioned going to Chatsworth for the brick for his chimney, going to Fairbury for coal building a post office, work on road, helping thresh, cutting corn, stacking hay (sometimes referred to as slough hay), going to the river for sand, ditching, cutting weeds, breaking sod.

It wasn't all work. There was some fun, for he noted they went to picnics in Oliver's Grove. Other names appearing were Coulters, Greenwood, James Entwistle, Chambers, John Ryan, S. W. Pearson, John Law, P. J. Bennett, Wm. Wallrich.

He noted it was five years since the Battle of Chickamauga, Sept. 20, and on the 13th of October he went to Joliet to get his naturalization papers. He brought home a cow and 3 pigs to start his livestock. He lost no time in getting ready to vote. November 3 he went to the election. This was the first time for him to vote after his naturalization but it wasn't the last. Regular items appeared in the diary, "went to election", "election for school trustee", "Railroad election." He was also a subscriber to insurance in the Continental Company.

Other buildings were added besides the house and stable, a crib, a sheep shed, and he "worked on the outhouse today", hen house, "cut grass to thatch the stable."

Frequently his work consisted of tinkering, meaning odd jobs. Then he and a neighbor butchered. This was followed by cutting meat, salting, brining, smoking, rendering lard, packing smoked meat in barrels.

The husking went on until the first of January, sometimes even into April. His pay for threshing was sometimes 22 bushel of oats. He traded 100 cabbages for a wagon. Other jobs frequently mentioned were "haul manure, work on harrow, mend harness, husk fodder, fix plows, break colts."

He made a smoke house of a box and a barrel. Vegetables were buried for winter and at intervals he "uncovered vegetables." Harness had to be washed and oiled.

This was July 3, 1911 when the water wagon upset in front of the office of the east end elevator

The old T.P. and W. Depot

Fire in East block Aug. 10, 1910. Shaughnessy Pop Factory and other buildings burned

Thurner Home—Effects of Tornado 1912, the same one that destroyed the Lutheran Church

P. C. Taylor's Restaurant Bakery and Confectionery. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor and Loren. Adjoining building is M. Ryan's

M. Brydon, who was to become Chatsworth's first nurseryman, began planting in 1869. His first notation was "planted evergreen seeds," followed by "get apple trees and 100 maples, plant walnuts, pines,, 500 larches."

Each year June 1 he noted how long he had been in the country. In 1869 his record read "16 years since landed at New York from Scotland."

By this time he had acquired a corn planter and part ownership in a reaper. He spoke of the floods and Ebeneze Ridgeway drowning in the river at Yates Place. He said all crops were drowned out on low ground.

Sometimes he went to Avoca for poles or to Olivers for posts. They went to Camp at Forrest another time attended a spiritualist meeting. They saw a magic lantern show at the school house. At the Baptist Church 7 were baptized on Sunday evening by Rev. E. G. Trask.

In the garden he raised potatoes, turnips, beans, beets, carrots, cabbage. They took their little daughter Mary to Fairbury to get her picture taken. At times there was a notation "took wheat to grist mill at Chatsworth or took apples to make cider." July 4, 1870 "Went to Fourth at Oliver's Grove" and by 1879 he was going regularly to Chatsworth to celeorate July 4.

Deaths of children were all too common in those days noted as "funeral of Pearson's twin boys, funeral of J. A. Linn's child, funeral of Jas. H. Linn's son, helped dig grave for child of George Ridgeway." In a period of less than 10 years he mentioned the deaths of 12 children, among them their own little America Ann.

By 1870 he mentioned buying boo sleds and spoke of the grist mill burning. After that he had to go to Fairbury for grist. When he tried to haul coal in the bob sled, the sled broke down. He was raising chickens to sell by then. On Thanksgiving and Christmas he noted they had turkey for dinner.

January '71, he noted, was the heaviest sleet he ever saw. They were invited to Linns for oysters.

In the spring there was a picnic at Clark's Grove. He attended singing class, all part of their recreation.

In his work for his neighbors he helped set posts, clean ditches, shell corn, harvest, haul corn to Piper City, build fence.

Chinch bugs had taken the wheat and were moving into the corn. Mr. Brydon wrote "Kill bugs. My Jim (horse) will pull a railroad tie in the ditches. All I need to do is sit and tell him how to kill bugs."

Sometimes he apparently helped his wife. He mentioned churning, peeling apples, making kraut and learning to knit. In the fall he always banked dirt around the house and in the spring cleaned it away.

In order to improve their animals, neighbors exchanged male pigs, roosters, calves, to avoid inbred herds and flocks. As his children grew older he made a little wagon for them. He recorded buying 40 acres for $1,000 in 1874, and on July 4, 1876 he noted it was the Centennial of the U. S., as that was the country's 100th birthday.

He mentioned in 1877 working on the school house and taking 14 trees to plant in the school yard. It was two years later he mentioned putting up the stove at the school house.

By December country roads were impassable. In 1880 he began selling trees from his nursery. That year he started to build a new house. He engaged a carpenter for $2 a day and another for $1.75.

Mr. Brydon liked to go to Chicago to attend the expositions, visit Lincoln Park, and the stores. He spoke of Marshall Field, Sears Roebuck, Montgomery Ward, and Mandel Brothers.

Vaccinations were being done in 1882 and they had the children vaccinated. By this time the trees in Brydon's Grove were large enough that picnics were held there. He mentioned regretfully "the binder don't bind." He took a load of children to Avoca to gather hazelnuts. He mentioned buying a load of posts from Revilo Oliver.

Accidents occured sometimes with horses. He mentioned two cases of teams running away and a man and a woman being killed or dying from injuries. Sometimes he was kicked by a horse. He would mention "my Jim horse hurt me" and once "Prince kicked me in the face." The next day the notation read, "had Prince castrated." Whether the two incidents had any bearing on each other wasn't clear.

It became his custom to fix the Christmas tree at school, as he raised evergreens in his nursery, but it wasn't put up until the day before Christmas. In 1883 late frost killed the oats, hay and early corn. He said it was the poorest crop he had ever raised. He went to Chatsworth one day to buy a barrel of sugar and a barrel of salt. Salt was needed in large quantities for brining meat.

Seelim, the stallion, got his foot caught in the barbed wire and ran off tearing the hoof nearly off and had to be shot.

It was 1884 that he first mentioned going to Chatsworth for Decoration Day. For July 4th he "Went to Chatsworth, Hurrah!"

Mr. Brydon began to attend the reunions of the G.A.R. Illinois Volunteer Infantry. These were often in Chicago and he always visited his favorite spots, among them Lincoln Park and the water works.

One of his notations state "Jenny's colt died of snake bite. Then he spoke of going to Piper City for a "gopher" and notations began to appear regularly "cultivate and Gopher." Charles Dennewitz says a gopher is an early walking plow. He went to Stanton's for brooms and to Bishops for sorghum. December 1886 was fine sleighing weather, he said.

August 11, 1887, a famous date, he noted "A terrible smash on railroad south of here. Nearly 500 killed or injured." He later visited the wreck scene.

Mr. Brydon liked to go to Fairs. He mentioned Peoria, Fairbury, Piper City and Kankakee as sites of fairs. He spoke of the block of business houses that burned in June 1890 with only the Plaindealer building (Virginia Theater) and Walter building (Conbear's) standing, as they were brick.

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1893 was a banner year for the family. They went to the World's Fair in Chicago, in fact they went 5 times between June and October. Mr. and Mrs. Brydon visited the scenes of the Civil War battlefield in 1895. He wrote "Chattanooga is full of soldiers, Jonnies (southerners) as well as Yanks (northerners)." They visited his favorite, the battlefield of Chickamauga. Trains were very important to families who liked to travel. They would even take the train from Charlotte.

Among things mentioned in '96 were going to Chatsworth for tile, hulling walnuts, and getting horses shod.

In 1899 they listened to a graphaphone, the forerunner of a record player, and in 1903 they went to Pontiac because President Theodore Roosevelt was there for the eunveiling of the soldier's monument.

As the Brydons prospered they bought a two seated carriage, but this didn't improve the roads, which he described in March as "the mud rolls up."

This diary is as near a personal interview as we can get. It is not hearsay, or memory, but is a day by day account of the life of an Illinois soldier and farmer just as he lived it 100 years ago in Charlotte.

The trees in Brydon's Grove grew up and were chosen by a colony of black crowned night herons as their rookery. Here the birds came every spring to nest, lay their eggs and rear their young. They flew to the Vermilion River, a few miles away, for fish for food and to feed their young ones. This is the only rookery known in Central Illinois. One of the birds that met with an accident was stuffed and placed in the museum at the high school. The story of these birds was written up in the Pantagraph by Faye Shafer.

CENTENNIAL PREPARATION

Work began on the Centennial in June 1965 with a meeting of interested citizens representing every organization in Chatsworth. An executive committee was chosen to carry on the business. Members were Mrs. Golda Sterrenberg, Mrs. Ada Bennett, Mrs. Louise Stoutemyer, Charles Culkin, Harold Gullett, Frank Zorn, James Rebholz, with Mayor Robert Milstead and Attorney Jim Herr. Mrs. Bennett was chosen secretary, James Rebholz, treasurer; Harold Gullett and Charles Culkin, co-chairmen. They later divided their work, making Charles headquarters chairman and Harold, president.

The group began meeting once a month to offer ideas and to plan. The first event was a kick-off banquet in August, 1965. Rogers Company was contacted and representative, Terry Rowell, came to explain the plan. It was decided to allow the company to come in to plan the spectacle, make suggestions and run the show.

Another dinner was held to make the announcement to the public of using the Roger's plan. Stock certificates at $2 a share were sold to help earn operating capital. Some of the men immediately began to grow beards, mustaches, goatees, forming Brothers of the Brush. Ladies began making dresses or ordering ready-made ones.

The name "SANDS OF TIME", suggested by Ada Bennett, was chosen by the executive committee for the title of the pageant. The historical committee began reading histories, collecting data, interviewing persons, in preparation for the Centennial Booklet. Items suitable for the pageant were sorted out, written up and sent to Rogers Co. for preparation of the script for the spectacle.

Headquarters were established in The Grand building with a business office and meeting room. Hats, vests, dresses, bonnets and other items began to arrive for sale in the community.

The Belles held a tea and fashion show to stir up enthusiasm in the old fashioned outfits and the Mayor entertained mayors from other towns. Charles Culkin and Lee Maplethorpe visited the towns in the area and local business places soliciting ads for the Centennial Booklet, receiving cooperation far beyond their expectation. Everyone was asked to set aside one day a week to wear their Centennial garb. Enthusiasm began mounting, even among the children, as they bought derby and plug hats.

Mrs. Bennett resigned as secretary and Mrs. Jane Livingston was appointed.

Other committees were appointed and began working. These committees were: Corporation officers: president, Harold Gullett; vice president, Charles Culkin; treasurer, James Rebholz; acting general chairman, Harold Gullett; secretary, Jane Livingston; headquarters chairman, Charles Culkin; spectacle ticket division, Jacob and Ida Scher.

Spectacle division—Dorothy Ashman, chairman; properties—Leon Sharp; construction—Burnell Watson; music—Lenore Kyburz and Elma Trinkle.

Participation division—Violet and Dan Kyburz; ladies sunbonnets and dresses—Mrs. Clair Zorn and Mrs. William Dennewitz.

Revenue division—Joe Van Antwerp, chairman; Charles Culkin, Ch., Lee Maplethorpe; Robert Adams—solicitation committee for historical program. Novelties—Grant Conibear, Ch., Dan Keca, J. Van Antwerp.

Brothers of Brush—Lee Maplethorpe, Ch., Audrey Haskins, Leo Gerdes, L. A. Shoemaker, John H. Haberkorn, Gene Wait. Men's hats and ties—William Livingston and Perry Virkler.

Celebration Belles—Mrs. Robert Milstead and Mrs. Milford Irwin, co-chairmen; Mrs. Louis Haberkorn, Mrs. Wm. Livingston, Mrs. Glenn Heminover, Mrs. Edward Schmid, Mrs. Martin Clore, Mrs. Paul Sterrenberg and Mrs. Walt Lee.

Publicity division—Harold Gullett; Special Events and Special Days—Virgil Culkin and Josephine Saathoff. Ticket committee—Dale Scott, Ch., Estelle Gregory. Patron's tickets—Laura Ortman, Ch., Betty Nussbaum, Olivia Diller, Margaret Foskett, Esther Gregory, Patricia Kietzman, Lucille Sterrenberg, Betty Culkin, Dolores Somers, Eileen Weller, Gladys Walters and Miriam Jackson.

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Hospitality—Ann Kibler, Mrs. S. H. Herr, Sr., Mrs. F. L. Livingston. Press Release—Pat Haskins, Ch., Ruth Hubly, Joyce Gerdes, Maxine Costello. Merchants' Promotion Comm.—John Kelly. Historical Windows—Mr. and Mrs. John Boyce. Distributive Comm.—Leo Gerdes. Parade Comm.—Mr. and Mrs. Noble Pearson, Vern Murphy, Wm. Sterrenberg, Joseph Baltz, Donald Hobart, Gerald Kemmer, Lloyd Shafer, and A. J. Haberkorn, Jr.

Concessions—Joe Van Antwerp, Karl Weller, Curt Stoller, Jerry Haberkorn, Donald Haberkorn.

Promenade and Caravan—Hazel McGreal, Mary Alta Lutson, Mrs. Joe Baltz, Mrs. Morris Nussbaum. Centennial Ball—Mr. and Mrs. Leo Hubly, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kerber, Mr. and Mrs. John Boyce, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Shafer, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kyburz and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Kurtenbach.

Kangaroo Court—Dwain Parker, Frank Livingston, Rev. LaRoy Huntley. Historical Booklet—Louise Stoutemyer, Maybelle Franey, Gladys Rosendahl, Martha Livingston, Golda Sterrenberg, Augusta Sterrenberg, Josephine Saathoff, Nellie and Katherine Ruppel, Ada Bennett.

THE BROCHURE SAYS:

The Chatsworth Chamber of Commerce put out a brochure on Chatsworth describing it as a place that has "quiet tree lined streets and comfortable homes.". The booklet went on to say "Its best recommendation is people like to stay here." This is true, most of them do.

One of the features mentioned is, the town is within 50 miles of 5 colleges, The University of Illinois, Illinois State University at Normal, Illinois, Wesleyan at Bloomington, Olivet at Kankakee, and Winston Churchill (Junior) College at Pontiac.

Chatsworth has two major industries, American Screen and Diller Tile. The American Screen Products Co. located at the south edge of Chatsworth employs approximately 200 persons. The Diller Tile Company at the north edge of town hires about 40 workers. This is the successor to the Walter's Brick and Tile Factory which was in operation for about 65 years.

The nearest hospital is Fairbury Community Hospital, 11 miles to the west. Chatsworth people have contributed toward the building and expansion of this 90 bed, fully accredited general hospital with a new convalescent wing and physical therapy department.

Utilities provided are Central Illinois Public Service (electricity), General Telephone, Municipal Water Works and Northern Illinois Gas Co.

There are fourteen adult clubs for men or women or both meeting in Chatsworth.

The town was laid out with six streets running north and south. The Illinois Central Railroad occupies Second Street, leaving five for traffic. Ten streets ran east and west, making 15. Later four short streets, some only a block long, were added at the south end, 1 at the east end and a circle drive at the north end making a total of 21 streets.

Old Route 24 runs east and west to the east edge of town and then turns and runs north and south for the space of about 5 blocks to join with the new Route 24 as it by-passes the town.

The dial telephone came into use in 1962 replacing the telephone operator. The old 4 and 5 party lines have gone out of existence in town.

The Lions Club puts up the Nativity Scene on Main Street each year and decorates the streets with lights and Christmas decorations.

LOOKING AHEAD

What will people in the year 2,067 want to know about us? We wish we knew so we could tell them.

Travel today is mostly by car. Very few go by train. Those in a hurry take a plane. In fact we ride in cars so much scientists fear we may lose the use of our legs from long disuse.

Ladies like to go to Bloomington, Champaign, Kankakee, Pontiac, and Peoria shopping for Easter outfits. They go by Ike Dehm's chartered bus for a day in Chicago or at the Springfield State Fair. School children are bussed in from the surrounding area in Ike's fleet of school buses.

Clothing is nearly all ready-made. A few women sew because they like to and girls still learn cooking and sewing in school Cook stoves are either gas or electric. Most families have electric washing machines and driers, but there is a public laundramat operated by coins.

Local business houses are: a hardware store, 3 groceries, a bank, 2 barber shops, an elevator, lumber yard, washing machine dealer, implement dealer, car body shop, 4 garages, 2 drive-ins, 2 restaurants, 4 taverns, 1 funeral parlor, 1 dry goods store, 5 filling stations, a newspaper printed in Fairbury, 2 variety stores, 4 beauty salons, 1 movie, 1 drug store, a hatchery, a furniture store, cleaning establishment, plumbing shop, gift shop, 3 real estate or insurance salesmen or both, 1 doctor's office-M.D., 1 chiropractor's office, a library, 1 Sears store, 1 fertilizer plant, 1 welding and repair shop, a hotel, a screen factory and a tile factory.

Schools are housed in 3 buildings with 100 in the parochial, 350 in elementary, 150 in the high school. Schools are expecting to move into consolidation, uniting schools of several towns into one large high school, in the not-too-distant future.

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Unique in a way are the town's activities. Each 22nd of February there is a Community Sale on Main Street, which brings out all the junk as well as good stuff for miles around to be sold at auction. Sale is sponsored by local businessmen and farmers and is free to buyer and seller. Each 4th of July Chatsworth celebrates with a kiddie parade, big parade, band, carnival, lunch stands, entertainment and fireworks, etc. The Community Choir directed by Mrs. Fred Kyburz, presents a cantata at Easter and Christmas time each year, with singers from all the local churches.

Many homes have a home freezer in addition to a refrigerator. Home owners buy packaged frozen goods or prepare their own frozen foods.

Entertainment consists of school sports, movies, T.V., clubs, reading, bowling, social activities connected with churches.

Mini skirts are short, hairdos are weird with bleaches, dyes, tints, gray streaks; hair that is teased, built up, puffed out, added on to. Some wear wigs. The young male half of the population, longing for some attention, likes unshorn locks, resembling the Beatles (an English sing group) and prefers to wear shirt tails dangling on the outside. We are mindful that this is just a fad and "this too will pass."

Houses, school buildings, offices have the rambling ranch style in an attempt to keep everything on one floor.

Seat belts are fairly new and not in universal use. Roads are including more and more elaborate clover-leaf overpasses. Students still go on senior trips to Washington, D.C. in this year 1967.

The town isn't large enough for mail delivery. Each family has a box at the Post Office and someone has to go after the mail everyday. The town has no local bakery, nor dairy. These products are trucked in daily, along with fresh fruits, vegetables, meats, etc.

Vending machines dispense pop, candy and cigarettes. Although a great deal of scientific evidence has been offered that cigarettes are a contributing factor in the cause of cancer, plenty of people still smoke them.

The life of the farmer has changed greatly in the past decade. Very few farmers own milk cows. Not many keep chickens. Some have no livestock at all, while some still specialize in hogs, or beef herds.

Corn is no longer husked by hand. No longer are there corn husking contests to find who can husk the most corn. Corn may be picked and shelled in the field, although some farmers still prefer to crib the ear corn. Soybean acreage has been greatly increased in the past two decades. Good roads, cars, trucks and school buses, rural electrification, deep freezers and television have given farm families practically all the advantages of their city cousins. They may earn the living on the farm but they spend much of their leisure time in town. Farmers are becoming fewer as the individual farms grow larger. No longer can a family exist on a 40 or 80 acre patch, unless the wage earner seeks off-the-farm employment.

The day of babies being born at home and cared for by a practical nurse has long since passed. Mothers-to-be are rushed to the hospital now. One reason, of course, is the hospital is a better and more sanitary place for the new infant, another reason, there are no midwives or practical nurses any more and still a third reason, doctors are scarce and it is much easier for them to look after a number of patients in a centrally located hospital. Our nearest hospital is Fairbury, but some patients go to Bloomington, Pontiac, Gibson City, Champaign or Kankakee.

Young people go away to college at the University of Illinois, Illinois State University at Normal, Southern at Carbondale, Winston Churchill at Pontiac or others. After graduation they do not return to Chatsworth, but seek employment in the cities where there are more opportunities.

The junior college seems to be the coming thing in education. New junior college districts are being formed all around us.

Just what changes are in store for the small town in the next 100 years, we are unable to foresee. We will leave that for the historical committee in the year 2,067 to record what has happened. All that we are able to do in passing is leave our "footprints on the sands of time."

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AMERICAN LEGION

Walter Clemons Post 613 was organized April 12, 1920 at a meeting in the K. of C. Hall; Dr. F. W. Palmer was instrumental in originating the idea and served as temporary chairman. There were 14 original members.

The first officers were: S. L. Boeman, commander; William McGinn, vice commander; James Mauritzen, finance officer, Robert Ernest adjutant.

Present officers are: Karl Weller, commander; John H. Haberkorn, vice commander; Curt Stoller, finance officer; Joseph Wittler, adjutant; Lloyd Shafer, chaplain; Joseph Van Antwerp, sergeant at arms; Noble Pearson, service officer.

ROYAL NEIGHBORS

Lena Collins Camp No. 669 was chartered Aug. 10, 1908. Helena Aaron was the first oracle.

Present officers are: Mrs. Richard Ashman, oracle; Luvern Gerdes, past oracle; Gladys Bouhl, vice oracle; Evelyn Bitner, chancellor; Eileen Kane, recorder; Cassie Ashman, receiver; Rosanna Nimbler, marshall; Grace Marr, Margaret Kerrins, Mary Endres, managers.

Mrs. Emma Wienand and Mrs. Pearl C. Taylor are charter members.

CHARLOTTE HOME BUREAU

Organized November 17, 1927, with 15 original members. Organizational meeting was in charge of Mrs. Lee Zollinger, county vice president, and was held at the home of Mrs. Lou Sterrenberg.

First officers were: Mrs. Lou Sterrenberg, president; Mrs. Carl Rosendahl, vice president; Mrs. Ray Frantz, secretary; Mrs. Jerry Rosendahl, treasurer; Mrs. George Gerdes, press reporter.

Meetings were held the second Saturday of each month at the members' homes hostesses to be chosen alphabetically; only two items besides a beverage were to be served as refreshments.

Present officers are: Mrs. Dan Kyburz, president; Mrs. Walter Lee, 1st vice president; Mrs. Ben Saathoff, 2nd vice president; Mrs. Clifford McGreal, treasurer; Mrs. John Kerrins, secretary; Mrs. William Flessner, director.

COUNCIL NO. 730 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Organized January 18, 1903. One of the earliest Councils in this area of Illinois. More than 100 candidates were initiated in this ceremony which was attended by over 500 members from all over Illinois and some from Iowa. Members from the Peoria and Chicago Councils gave the degrees. Later, when a Council was formed in Kankakee, the degrees were given by the Chatsworth Council. Charter members are: Wm. P. Brady; Richard Weller, John Weller of LaFayette, Ind.

First officers were: J. C. Corbett, grand knight; F. J. Sullivan, deputy grand knight; Rev. M. Ryan, chaplain; Rev. J. J. Quinn, chancellor; E. M. Reising, financial secretary; J. W. Garrity, recording secretar; F. J. Harbeka, warden; G. W. McCabe, treasurer; J. A. Kerrins, lecturer; J. F. Ryan, J. J. Lantry, James Snyder, trustees; P. J. Lawless, advocate; J. A. O'Neil, L. Hollywood, guards.

Present officers are: Morris Clark, Piper City, Ill., grand knight, Dan W Kerber, deputy grand knight; Rev. Jerome Morrissey, chaplain; William Freehill, Roberts, Ill., chancellor; Karl Weller, rec. sec.; William Ribordy, fin. sec.; Gary Brauman, warden; Floyd Kurtenbach, treas.; John H. Haberkorn, Eugene Wait, Kenneth Hanson, trustees; Clarence Kurtenbach, advocate; John Endres, Joseph Wittler, guards.

MOTHERS' CLUB

of Sts. Peter & Paul School. Organized June, 1950. The school was staffed by the School Sisters of St. Francis; Sisters Gerardine, Willeta, Mildred and Agnesine; Rev. Richard Raney was the pastor.

First officers were: Mrs. Charles Culkin, president; Mrs. Clifford Monahan, vice president; Mrs. Lester Hubly, sec-treas.

Present officers are: Mrs. Audrie Haskins, president; Mrs. James Rebholz, vice president; Mrs. Francis Kaiser, sec.-treas.

PTA

Organized March 17, 1946. This was called the "Mothers' Club" and the first officers were: Mrs. R. J. Lembke, president; Mrs. F. L. Livingston, vice president; Mrs. Rosanna Hummel, secretary; Mrs. Burnell Watson, treasurer.

On March 19, 1946 the members met and voted to join the PTA. Dues were 25c per year.

Present officers are: Vendell Sanders, president; Jake Scher, vice president; Mrs. Donald Lowry, treasurer; Mrs. Kenneth Somers, secretary.

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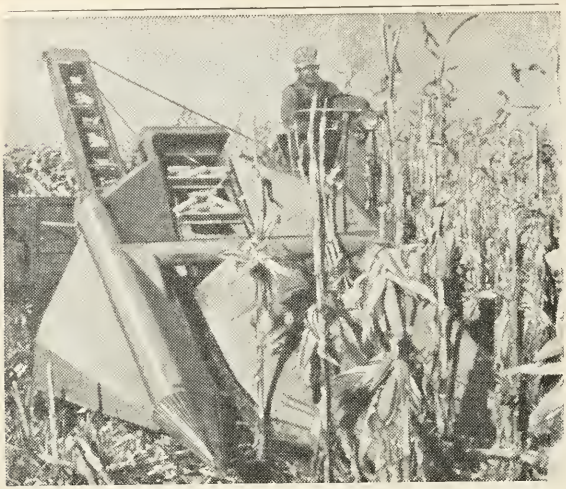
Present officers are: Harold Gullett, Worshipful Master; Alfred Hitch, secretary; Clarence C. Bennett, treasurer.

CHATSWORTH CHAPTER NO 530 ORDER OF EASTERN STAR

Instituted April 22, 1904; chartered October 5, 1904.

First officers were: Mrs. Jennie S. Carson, Worthy Matron; Thomas Pepperdine, Worthy Patron; Mrs. Emma Sampson, Associate Matron; Miss Sarah E. Dorsey, secretary; Mrs. S. S. Hitch, treasurer.

Present officers are: Worthy Matron and Patron, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Bennett; Nellie Ruppel, secretary; Mrs. Percy Walker, treasurer.



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CHATSWORTH HOME BUREAU

Organized: October, 1935; first officers were: Mrs. B. V. Newman, president; county director, Florence Hitch.

Present officers of the club, now called Homemakers' Extension Association, are: Mrs. Milford Irwin, president; Katherine Ruppel, secretary; Mrs. Wayne Sargeant, treasurer.

VERMILLION ARBOR, ANCIENT ORDER OF GLEANERS

Now called Gleaner Life Ins. Society. This was a fraternal insurance group organized to benefit families upon the death of parents and to provide social gatherings for rural families, more than 60 years ago.

Early families who were members included the Bennetts, Caugheys, Endres, Kerbers, Lutsons, Byroads.

The original officers were: Mr. Bell, chief gleaner; Robert S. Caughey, secretary.

Present officers are: Frank Zorn, chief gleaner; Mrs. C. C. Bennett, secretary-treasurer.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

Circle No. 92 was organized June 19, 1919, with 87 charter members.

The list of the first officers included: Agnes O'Malley, regent; Zita Corbett, vice regent; Elizabeth Brosnahan, Elizabeth Donovan, Theresa Storr, Josephine Kurtenbach, Catherine McCarthy, Anna Sneyd, Mary Lawless, Alice Murtaugh, Margaret McGreal, Lucille O'Connor, Rose Garrity.

Present officers are: Julia Stadler, regent; Regina Hornickel, vice regent; Kathleen Bergan, financial secretary; Ann Weller, recording secretary.

GERMANVILLE COMMUNITY CLUB

Organized March 27, 1918 as the Woman's Home Improvement Association, in connection with the Livingston County Home Bureau. The first meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Chas. Froebe. First officers were: Mrs. Chas. Froebe, president; Mrs. J. A. Berlett, secretary.

April 29, 1924, the organization withdrew from the Home Bureau affiliation and renamed itself the Community Club of Germanville.

Present officers are: Mrs. Milford Irwin, president; Mrs. J. Clifford McGreal, vice president; Mrs. A. A. Netherton, secretary; Mrs. O. O. Oliver, treasurer.

Mrs. Arthur Netherton and Mrs. Bertha Schroen are charter members.

LADIES AUXILIARY of the AMERICAN LEGION

Organized March 16, 1928. First officers were: Maude Edwards, president; Jane Tauber, vice president; Clarice Gerbracht, secretary; Agnes Norman, treasurer; Elizabeth Tinker, chaplain.

Present officers are: Ida Scher, president; Joann Diller, 1st vice president; Lucille Haberkorn, 2nd vice president; Mildred Propes, secretary; Darlene Perkins, treasurer; Helen Bryant, chaplain, Virginia Miller, sergeant at arms; Ada Bennett, historian.

JUNIOR WOMEN'S CLUB

Organized September 17, 1936, with the age limit of 35 for members; after 35 they could transfer to the Woman's Club.

First officers were: Gertrude Albee, president; Faye Shafer, vice president; Margaret Borgman, secretary; Elinor Shaw, treasurer.

Present officers: Marilyn Kemnetz, president; Mary Jane Kessinger, vice president; Rochelle Hoelscher, secretary; Judy Hobart, treasurer.

WOMAN'S CLUB

The early records of this organization were destroyed in the fire of the Hangar Motel. The following information was obtained from Mrs. A. B. Koehler, one of the charter members, as she remembers it.

About 1916, the Household Science Club was organized at a Farm Bureau meeting in Chatsworth. There were 50 original members. The first president was Mrs. Howard Stanford; Mrs. A. B. Koehler was secretary; Theresa Storr, treasurer.

In 1930 the group joined the Federation of Woman's Clubs, at which time the officers were: Mrs. H. W. McCulloch, president; Mrs. Fred Warner, secretary; Theresa Storr, vice president.

Present officers are: Mrs. George Augsburger, president; Mrs. Carl Miller, vice president; Mrs. Andy Sutcliffe, recording secretary; Clarice Gerbracht, corresponding secretary; Faye Shafer, treasurer; Mrs. Kenneth Rosenboom, reporter.

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Kelly's Corner, looking east. Note the fire bell on tower at right

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After operating a Delicatessen in Chicago for two years, Francis and Helen (Ford) Culkin purchased the grocery business from John W. Heiken on June 7, 1948. Helen assisted her husband for the first eleven years. In 1959 Timothy Joseph's arrival was announced. He is now seven years of age and in the second grade. Helen is the kindergarten teacher in Unit District No. 1 School.

At the present time, the employees of the Culkin Food Mart include Raymond Stehle, the meat cutter; Catherine Kemmetz and Mabel Fox, the checkers; and Jerome Ortman as the stockboy.

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EARLY CHATSWORTH FAMILIES

According to the early histories of Livingston County these were among the old families who were here before the year 1900.

James Bergan was a Civil War veteran, who came out to Chatsworth in 1868 and became a land owner and big stock feeder. He is the grandfather of Don John, Dale Bergan, Cecele Sterrenberg, and Marjorie Freehill.

Edward Brady came to Livingston County in 1882 to become a successful farmer. This was in contrast to his arrival, as he came with but $2.50 in his pocket.

George W. Cline bought property in Chatsworth township in 1869 and lived there until the time of his death. He married America Fishburn. Their children were Emma, Charles, George H., Harry, Frank, Ida, Kate, John, James, and Eugene.

Charles J. Froebe, son of Nicholas and Caroline Goembel Froebe, born in 1875 became a successful farmer in Germanville township. His father was a veteran in the Civil War.

John W. Gingerich came to Livingston County in 1867 and bought raw prairie land in Charlotte township for $15 an acre. He was the father of Frank and Agnes Gingerich who still live in Chatsworth.

Sebastian Glabe, the youngest of his family, located on a farm in Germanville in 1890. He married Katharina Ruppel in 1885. Mrs. Glabe's father, Henry Ruppel, was still enjoying daily rides on his bicycle in his 78th year. The Glabes were the parents of nine daughters and one son. After Mr. Glabe retired and moved to town he served on the school board of Chatsworth High School.

Henry Hummel was a farmer in Germanville township, growing up on the home farm. He married Matilda Froebe. Their son, Frank, a farmer in Germanville married Lena Hornickel. Other children were Catherine, Fidel, and Charles. Frank and his wife have retired and live in Chatsworth.

Stephen Hitch, born in England, came to the U.S. in 1863. He was a soldier in the Civil War. His wife, Henrietta was also born in England. Their son Dick married Sadie Dann and was the mother of Alfred, Irene and Florence. Alfred and his wife, Edna, were the parents of Stephen, Mary Ann and Dick. Stephen is the fourth generation member to be farming the same land.

James Kerrins was engaged in the grain and coal trade. His parents came to Livingston County in 1865 and settled on a fram northwest of Chatsworth. His brothers and sisters included Ellen, Charles, Thomas, John, Dennis, Martin, and Katie.

Peter Kurtenbach's parents came to the U.S. in 1858 from Germany. Peter arrived in Livingston County in 1886 and married Mary E. Oliver, daughter of Franklin Oliver. They were the parents of four sons and five daughters.

Patrick Lawless, a native of Ireland, came to the U.S. with his mother and brother. He was married to Catherine O'Neil. Eventually he owned about 900 acres. Children in this family were William, Mary Ann, Lizzie, Maggie, Katie, Bertha, James and Patrick Jr. They bought and lived on the "Beet Farm" land previously occupied by the old sugar beet factory.

Robert McKinley was a farmer in Charlotte Township, son of Robert and Lucy Maxwell McKinley. After the father died, the mother made her home with her son, William, on the old homestead Robert married Mary Spray. They had one son, Clarence.

Frank Murtaugh, a farmer, son of Owen and Bridget Lawless Murtaugh, was born in 1861. The parents came to the U.S. in 1852. He spent his life farming and stock raising. At one time he ran a stage line in Kansas. He married Sarah Agnes Harrington. They were the parents of 5 children. Mr. Murtaugh served on the high school board.

John Q. Puffer, a grain and coal dealer, was born in Chatsworth township in 1866. His parents raised 3 children, Ella, Florence and John Q. John married Emma Wingert. Mr. Puffer was a Baptist, his grandfather being one of the original 13 members of the First Baptist Church in Chatsworth.

John F. Ryan, president of the Commercial National Bank, was born in 1861. His father, William Ryan, came from Ireland. John F. engaged in farming on a large scale. He was manager of a cotton plantation of 1,129 acres in Mississippi. Mr. Ryan was one of the organizers of the Commerical National Bank. He married Emma Fennell. Their children were Gladys, Marie and John.

Peter Sterrenberg, born in Germany in 1838, came to the U.S. in 1867. It was in 1883 he took up residence in Charlotte, working at the trade of carpenter. He was associated for 20 years in the firm of Sterrenberg and Manssen, then the name became Sterrenberg and Sons. He married Helene Smedt. Their children were John, Henry, William, Loius, Fred and Dena. Mr. Sterrenberg was influential in building the Lutheran Church in Charlotte.

Leonidas T. Stoutemyer was born in 1841. His parents came out from Ohio to Bloomington, where his mother died. Leonidas enlisted in the Army with the Ohio Infantry. He was married three times and the father of Mary, May, Nancy, Edwin, Ross, Howard and Margaret. The family moved to Onarga for the education of the children at Grand Prairie Seminary.

P. J. Bennett came out from New York in 1856 to Peoria County. In the fall of 1867 he purchased 80 acres of wild prairie sod in Charlotte. He married Margaret Ridgeway in 1869. They built their home and continued to add to their property. Mr. Bennett helped organize the school districts and provide school buildings. Their children were George Francis, Nellie, Roy and Stella.

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Henry Hornickel, a native of Germany, settled in Germanville in 1870 at the age of 18. He married Fredricka Lehmann. Their children were John H., Frederick William, Conrad, Catherine, Amelia, Christina, Annie, Christian, Jacob, and Peter Robert.

William Entwistle owned 360 acres in Charlotte township where he raised Durham cattle and Clyde horses. His father, James, had purchased land in Charlotte in 1865.

James Brydon came to Charlotte in 1867 after his release from the Union Army, where he served in the 42nd Illinois Infantry. He brought his bride to the new "shanty" as he called it, that he had built himself. The Brydons had four sons and two daughters.

John and Patrick Monahan came to Charlotte from Ireland in June 1858. John married Mary Glinnen and was the father of Julie, Marie, Thomas F., Matthew, Helena, John Joseph, John Dennis, Edward Alphonse and Katie Agnes. Patrick was 8 weeks and three days coming across the ocean. Their ship was in a storm and so severely buffeted 16 persons died. He worked as a farm hand and in strip mining coal. He invested his money in the farm land in Charlotte. He married Elizabeth Hanlay, an Irish girl. They had 12 children, 7 of whom lived.

Jonathan Edwards, a farmer from Ohio, came to Livingston County in 1867. He married three times. His son Calvin died in the Andersonville prison during the Civil War. Mr. Edwards held the office of school trustee.

Robert Rumbold, insurance and real estate agent was born in Hampshire, England in 1831. He emigrated to America in 1852, coming to Chatsworth in 1869. He married Sarah Osmond in England. They had five children, Edward, Alice, Ann Elizabeth, Cecil Robert, and Joseph. The last named is one of Chatsworth's senior citizens.

John Walter, merchant, was born in Baden, Germany. He learned the trade of shoemaking. He sailed for America by sailing ship, requiring fifty-six days to make the trip. The ship was in a storm, lost part of the rigging and had to keep the pumps going to stay afloat. He married Elizabeth Ruhle. In 1866 they came to Chatsworth. Their children were George, Louis and Albert. Mr. Walter had one of the oldest Bibles in America and very valuable. It was published in Zurich, Switzerland in 1536. This is now owned by his grandson, Arthur Walter.

Albert J. Sneyd was born in 1867. He became a partner of Charles Burns in the hardware business in 1893. He sold out his interest to Burns and later went into hardware business for himself. He married Annie Phillips. They had two sons, Francis and Leo.

Miles Desire, farmer and stock raiser, a native of France, came to this area in 1876. In 1878 he married Martha Bevins. They were the parents of Mary Ann, Lizzie and Joseph. He purchased 360 acres of swamp and timber land which he improved by clearing the timber and draining the swamp. This land produced 90 bushels of sod corn to the acre.

Adam Shafer was a resident since 1863. He was born in Germany. The family settled in what is now Germanville. He was united in marriage to Kathrina Neiding. Their children were Chris, Lizzie, Katie, Edward, Charles, Bertie and Lena. He owned and operated a sheller and a thresher for a number of yeears.

Ira Knight was a farmer in Germanville-Township. He was born in 1861. He married Hannah Holmes. They were the parents of Althere and Gladys M. The Holmes family came from Denmark.

Franklin Oliver was born in New Jersey in 1786. By profession he was a civil engineer and surveyor. He married three times. He became owner of 4,000 acres of choice land. Mr. Oliver had five children by his first wife, one by the second and three by the third wife. Mr. Oliver died in 1881.

Gustavus Koehler came to this county in 1867. From a small beginning his estate grew to 280 acres with suitable buildings and assortment of livestock. Mr. Koehler was born in the Kingdom of Saxony. Children by his first marriage were Edward, Amanda, and Kate. After the death of his first wife he married Anna Koestner. Their children were Rose, George, Albert, Phillip, John and Clair.

John G. Lockner came to Germanville in 1871. He was born in the central part of Prussia. He came to the U.S. when a youth of 17. His 9-year-old brother drowned in New York Harbor when they landed. John celebrated his birthday while on the voyage to America. He joined the Union Army with the 11th Illinois Infantry and fought in the battle of Shiloh. He married Catherine Seifert. She was the mother of Jacob, Mary, Katie, John, William and Henry.

John Caughey, a farmer of Charlotte township, was a boy of 12 when his parents, Samuel and Eliza Caughey came to Livingston County. He became a farmer and accumulated valuable property. He married Rebecca Townsend of Fairbury. Their children were Grace, John, Fred, Nellie, Mabel and Marie. Mr. Caughey was a school director for a number of years.

FROM G.A.R. MINUTE BOOK

An old minute book listed the members, told their age, birthplace, residence, gave their occupations, told the date of entry into service, their rank, their company, regiment, date of discharge, length of service, cause of discharge, date of muster into the G.A.R. and other facts. About 50 names were recorded.

Their occupantions varied from physician, drover, tailor, bank accountant, marble dealer, to minister. Their ranks were from private to first lieutenant, including a chaplain and army surgeons. When it came to naming their birthplace, many were foreign-born, claiming England, Germany, Prussia, France, Ireland and Denmark as the place of their birth, with only four born in Illinois.

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Corn Carnival, 1908. Note the bell-shaped street light, the fodder on all the buildings. This is the corner of J. C. Kelly's store.

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Dr. True was the comedian who wrote with charming wit and humor. Another item in regard to plans for decoration day read, "a volunteer committee was to feel the public pulse and tap the public pocket," meaning they needed help with th expenses.

Another notation read, "Communication from Kempton asking Chatsworth post to go to Kempton on the 4th at our own expense and make a circus of ourselves for the delectation of the citizens of the north end of Ford County, which invitation the Post declined to accept."

They had their serious moments too, when they decided to go in a body to attend General Grant's Memorial services in the Baptist Church on Sunday. Black crepe was purchased for the members to wear arm bands in mourning.

Some one wrote, "after which some loud singing was enjoyed by all," at the close of a meeting. Finally June 20, 1914 was written, "It was decided that as only 4 of the post was left, that we would surrender the charter and abandon the Post, which was done and is here recorded. This writes finis to the G.A.R. in Chatsworth. Amen! S S. Hitch, adjt.

The Business Directory
1967

WEST END
- Maytag building—N. M. LaRochelle
- I. C. depot—Paul Kingdon, agent
- Lumber yard—F. L. Livingston, Frank Livingston, manager
- Elevator—Wm. Livingston, manager

WEST BLOCK
- NORTH SIDE
  - Former Chevrolet Garage—Ashman Farm Service
  - Vacant lot
  - Vacant stone building—former egg & cream station of late Carl Milstead
  - Home—Mrs. Rose Walters
  - Buick Garage—Joe Baltz
  - Vacant building—storage
  - Barber Shop—Glenn Pearson
  - Vacant building—Bob Adams plans to move into this
  - Grocery—Terry Thompson
  - Hardware—Virgil Culkin

FOURTH STREET
- EAST SIDE
  - Laundramat—Terry Thompson
  - Post Office—Karl Weller, postmaster
  - Hotel—Mrs. Edna Crews

FOURTH STREET
- WEST SIDE
  - Garage for city machinery
  - Jail
  - Council Room

CENTER BLOCK
- NORTH SIDE
  - Dry goods store—J. C. Kelly
  - Virginia Theater—L. G. Shoemaker (original Plaindealer Building. 1888
  - Vacant lot
  - Living Quarters—C. L. Ortman
  - Tavern—Walter Frytz (building date 1892)
  - Grocery—Francis Culkin
  - Plaindealer office—former Commercial Bank
  - Adams Agency—Robert Adams
  - Barber Shop—Harold Kruger (building date 1894)
  - Variety Store—Donald Higgins (building date 1891)
  - Tavern — Bill Weems (building "Carney Block")
  - Coral Cup Cafe—Harold Gullett
  - Lady Dee Beauty Salon—Mrs. Lloyd Gillett
  - Office building—Att. Wm. F. Fuhr
  - Locker and Meat Market—Don Foster
  - Chatsworth Library—Mrs. Don Haberkorn, librarian
  - Shafer's Agency—Mrs. Nellie Shafer and Ronald
  - Fashionaire Beauty Salon—Mrs. Dale Miller
  - Drug Store—Grant Conibear

CENTER BLOCK
- SOUTH SIDE
  - The Grand Building
  - Marr Oil Company—Mrs. Ray Marr
  - Centennial Headquarters—Charles Culkin, Ch.
  - Storage room
  - Lumber yard and elevator office, storage—F. L. Livingston

FIFTH STREET
- WEST SIDE
  - Hatchery—Lee Loomis
  - Office—Dr. H. L. Lockner (1 block north)
- EAST SIDE
  - Masonic Hall—upstairs oveer bank
  - Grocery—Charles Costello
  - Beauty Salon—Louise Arbuckle

EAST BLOCK
- NORTH SIDE
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  - Tavern—Albert Honegger
  - K of C Hall—over tavern
  - Electrical Shop—Roy Perkins
  - Insurance—Phil Kohler, Charles Elliott
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There has been one to five Shafers active in the music of the E.U.B. Church since 1901.

There has been one to three Shafers participating in the Chatsworth Community Choir, every active season since its organization in 1910.

Ruth and I have Kurt, Tod, Karen, Jill, Greg and Scott, and we are sure(hoping, that is) that one or more of these children will be active in Chatsworth for the next 100 years. If this does not happen, then I'll stay.

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Variety Store—opposite bank—Morris Baldauf
Gift Shop—Mrs. John Boyce
The Grill—Mr. and Mrs. Walt Lee
Storage—Loomis Hatchery
Old shoe shop—storage
Ford Garage—Albert Walters

SOUTH FIFTH
Dehm's Welding Shop—old manufacturing plant—Lloyd Dehm

SOUTH SIXTH
Fire Station
Chiropractor—Edward Schmid

OLD ROUTE 24

NORTH SIDE (Starting at east end)
Sears Roebuck—P. L. Whittenbarger, manager
Aylco Chemical Co.—Dave Vannice
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Shell Station—Bob Danforth
Hick's Station—David McKinley
Hicksatomic Bulk Plant—Tom Edwards, manager
Phillips Station—John Roberts
Drive-In—Mrs. John Roberts

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Body Shop—Don Lowery
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A wedding party—Ed Monahan and his bride in rear seat, Mr. and Mrs. Art Culkin the attendants, early 1900's..

West Main street 1967

Al's Bakery and Confectionery about 1940—some of the people are Mary Endres, Mrs. Joe Johnson, Fern Porterfield and Jean, Mrs. John Kerrins. Seated in back Joe Smith, John Cooney, Mrs. Stadler and Jack, George Walter, Mabel Flessner. Standing Lucile Perkins, Lorraine Gerbracht, Al, Al Jr., Mr. Mueller.

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Bill and Edith Zorn preparing for the 90th anniversary at the First Baptist Church.

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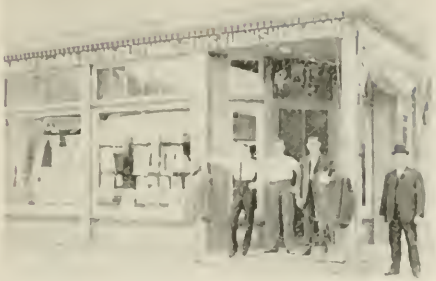
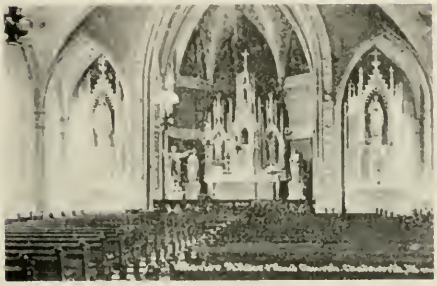


Garrity and Baldwin Store
when it was located in The Grand
where Mrs. Marr is today

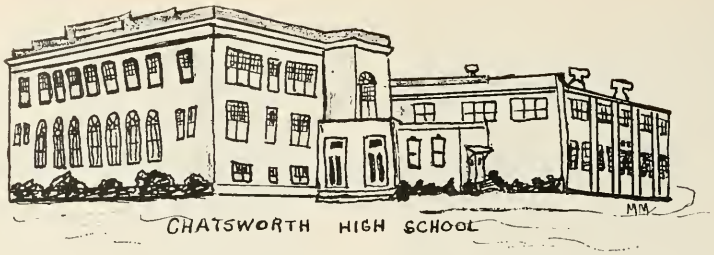
Dennewitz' Shop when he first
took it over in 1924



Interior of Catholic Church

Building a kiln
1910
Walter's Tile and Brick Yard

Chatsworth Main Street in 1885



Academic education in the Chatsworth Community began in 1858 with the election of Franklin Oliver, J. H. Megquier, and Franklin Foot as School Trustees. They, in turn, appointed William H. Jones as School Treasurer and employed Miss Jennie Adams as the Teacher.

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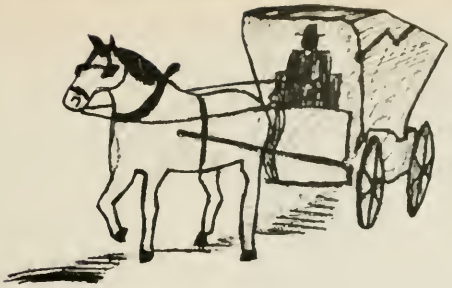

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Corn Carnival 1908. On left note the fire bell in tower. The band is lined up in front of what is now Conibear's corner.

John Silberzahn's blacksmith shop. Recognized in the piciure are Adolph Haberkorn, E. Herr, William Turner, John Silberzahn.

Mrs. Emma Wienand one of Chatsworth's Senior Citizens.

Left to right—Gus Anderson, Hugo Trunk, Roy Bennett, Roy Schrock, Chris Schrock, Estella Bennett, John Shannacy, William Trunk, Joseph Hubly, Ross Baltz, P. J. Bennett, Fred Reynols.
In buggy—Nellie Schrock, Ernest Schrock, Mrs. P. J. Bennett. Date 1894.

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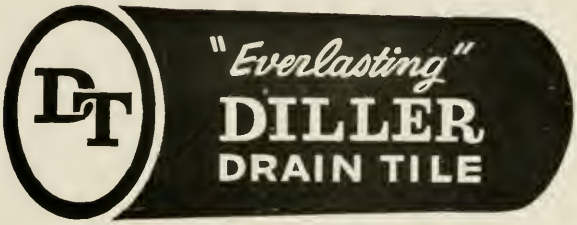

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As we write to you on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of Chatsworth, we cannot help but wonder at the world of the future. . .your world at the bicentennial and tricentennial of Chatsworth in the years 2067 and 2167 respectively.

In the past 100 years we have made more progress than man did in the last 4,000 years. We hope that you have made similar progress. Today as strange as it may seem the average man lives better, travels more and is healthier than kings and rulers were 100 years ago. In the field of transportation we have made our greatest stride. We have moved from 40 M.P.H. the speed of a darn good horse, to 18,000 M.P.H., the speed of one of our space rockets. If science and technology continues the average man in your time would have a vehicle to propel him from 10 M.P.H. to 10,000 M.P.H. For those of you that are more fortunate a 100,000 M.P.H. interplanetary space vehicle will be a must. For your mineral and natural resources you will long ago have harvested the great resources of the sea. For your farming, this will be done on the vast floor of the ocean, for the land will be only a place for man to live.

We hope that you have licked the problems of the world; war, diseases,, famine and yet maintained the individual aggressive spirit of man. For without this, man will be no better than the rest of the animals that dominate the earth. Remember, you must look to the individual man operating alone and without restriction, for the great deeds of the world.

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